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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Foreign Aid

PRESIDENT Eisenhower's foreign aid message, and his request for permission to allocate annually funds for long-term development projects, may become for Congress the most controversial issue of this election year.

Congress in successive years since 1945 has approved foreign aid allocations, but only after rather grudgingly conceding the argument that the most effective way of preventing economic and military penetration of the vulnerable European, Middle East and Asian countries by Communism is to help those countries build up their independence through economic and other forms of aid donated by those nations of Western democracy in a position to render assistance.

American foreign aid during the first two years after World War II was of a stop-gap, expedient nature, rather than part of a well-defined plan. It was left to Mr George Marshall to produce the first long-term conception of integrated aid in which self-help was allied to financial assistance from the United States. The outgrowth of the Marshall Plan was enactment by Congress in 1948 of the European Recovery Act, and the establishment by 16 European nations of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation.

IT was the success of OEEC which permitted Marshall Plan aid to come to an end in 1951, but by that time it had become all too clear that the needs of the Near East, South Asia and the Far East demanded attention if these areas were not to fall completely to expansionist Communism.

Then came into existence the Point Four programme—a comprehensive scheme for the advancement of health and education services, technical skills, industrial expansion, and the development of natural resources in under-developed countries. And from this emerged the Mutual Security Programme, approved by Congress in October, 1951.

It is against this background of unsurpassed generosity and practical endeavour (the US has provided $56,200 million in grants and loans to other countries between July 1945 and June, 1955) that Congress is today asked to approve of foreign aid for 1957 amounting to $4,700 million, and to authorise the President to allocate up to a specific amount each year, funds to complete overseas development projects over the next ten years.

PRESIDENT Eisenhower, like his predecessors, justifies his request for this huge spending on the grounds that it is the one way of stopping Communism spreading in susceptible areas. This time, however, Mr Eisenhower has found it possible to qualify his warning of Soviet determination to achieve world domination by acknowledging that "aggression through force appears to have been put aside, at least temporarily" by the Russian leaders.

It is this qualification which may encourage Congress to feel some relaxation in foreign aid can be afforded. Undoubtedly the President's acceptance of the new Soviet line of policy—competitive world trade in preference to political infiltration—will be seized upon by those American senators and congressmen who are traditionally lukewarm to foreign aid programmes as a justifiable reason for rejecting, at least in part, President Eisenhower's requests.

Congressional debate on this subject will be closely followed by the whole world. The indications are that political leaders who support the President's measures will have no easy task obtaining full approval of them from Congress.

Labour Men Quiz Stalin's Protege On The Big News And...

MALENKOV SPEAKS OUT!

STALIN was WRONG
KHRUSHCHEV was RIGHT
YES! There Were Demonstrations

London, Mar. 19

Mr Georgi Malenkov, former Soviet Prime Minister, tonight impressed on leaders of the British Labour Party that Russia was now putting its house in order and cleaning up the vices of the Stalin regime.

For an hour and a half he answered frank questions at a private dinner given to him by the executive of the Labour Party.

Labour Party leaders said after the dinner that Mr Malenkov—Stalin's right hand man for many years—dissociated himself from the policies of his former master, whom he succeeded for a spell as ruler of Russia.

Mr Malenkov made it plain, according to those who heard him, that he agreed with the speech criticising Stalin made by Mr Nikita Khrushchev at the Moscow Communist Party Congress.

The theme running through all the answers he gave through an interpreter to the quick-fire barrage of questions shot at him was that Russia had put its house in order following Stalinism and that the West should accept as a fact that Russia wanted friendship and peace.

Mr Malenkov did not refer to his own personal associations with Stalin but gave the impression that he had not agreed with all Stalin's policies.

Asked about reports that riots in Georgia, Stalin's birthplace, had followed the denunciation of the late Russian dictator, Mr Malenkov said reports in the British newspapers had been exaggerated.

There had not been riots but there had been demonstrations, he said.

He tried to bring the conversation round time and time again to the general subject of world peace. But his Labour hosts at the dinner were so interested in current events in Russia that they kept firing more questions at him.

Mr Morgan Phillips, general secretary of the Labour Party, said: "It was a very frank discussion. He is a very shrewd man—one of the shrewdest I have ever met in my life."

Other Labour leaders at the dinner said Mr Malenkov answered some questions very cleverly. For instance when he was asked about the criticism of Stalinism, he said it was just like the dissensions that sometimes crop up in the British Labour Party.

He stressed that Russia was now collectively governed and that the days of one man power were definitely over.

Mr Richard Crossman, a Labour Member of Parliament, said after the dinner: "Mr Malenkov was questioned on the reported Khrushchev speech on Stalin and he replied that they had cleaned up Russia, that there was no need to worry, that they had stopped the dictatorship.

"They had stopped the wicked things and they had established the collective government."

Mr Crossman said he thought that Mr Malenkov, in the cross-examination, had wanted to convince them and had cared what they thought.

He had been tough, extremely skilful, charming, very direct, clever and keen to ask questions himself.—Reuter.

'A Very Shrewd Man'

To Visit Moscow

London, Mar. 19.

The Archbishop of York, the Rt. Rev. Dr A.M. Ramsey, will lead a delegation of eight representatives of the Church of England to Moscow next July, to attend a theological conference.—France-Presse.

'BE KIND TO TAX COLLECTORS' PLEA

Paris, Mar. 19.

An amnesty for some tax offenders will be considered if French taxpayers give up physically resisting collectors, the Finance Minister, M. Paul Ramadier, said today.

"Grave shortcomings" in taxpaying, however, could never be forgiven.

M. Ramadier outlined at a press conference these principles which should guide the behaviour of French tax collectors.

★ Collector-taxpayer relations must be marked by "serenity, loyalty and courtesy."

★ If a collector makes a slight error in favour of the taxpayers, it should be left uncorrected.

★ Where an inspection of accounts by tax officials is physically resisted, the amount of tax should not be arbitrarily fixed until two unsuccessful attempts to check the books are made. And then, it should be evaluated by the collector "without any spirit of reprisal."

★ Police should be called in to assist the inspectors only when these are "brutally" handled.

M. Ramadier claimed the movement to resist taxation was "only a superficial agitation" with no deep roots.

Failure to pay taxes has traditionally been considered a civic duty in some parts of France, particularly the farming regions.—Reuter.

MIDDLE EAST WAR

New UN Group May Be Formed

New York, Mar. 19.

The United Nations Security Council is expected to meet this week probably to consider the new Western approach to the Israel-Arab dispute, it was learned today.

Informed sources said the Council might meet on Thursday or Friday.

Britain, the United States and France have been carrying on an urgent series of consultations on the strategy to be followed.

Exactly what they will propose is not yet known, but there have been persistent reports about the creation of a new United Nations organ to operate in Israel and the Arab states.—Reuter.

Eden And Industrialists Have A FRANK TALK ON INFLATION

London, Mar. 19.

Sir Anthony Eden tonight appealed to British industrialists to stabilise prices and, where possible, bring them down.

The Prime Minister was meeting representatives of the Federation of British industries, in the third of a series of talks on the country's economic situation.

Sir Anthony Eden has already met trade union and other employers' representatives. Later this month he will discuss economic difficulties with the chairman of the nationalised industries.

Sir Anthony Eden, according to a communique later, urged the industrialists to consider whether profits were not already high enough to enable the whole community to benefit by way of lower prices.

AND THE REPLY

Sir Graham Hayman, the Federation's chief spokesman, answered that costs and prices would stabilise when production and spending in all their forms had been brought into balance.

Curbing of industrial investment should be the last resort. Turning to the forthcoming budget, Sir Graham Hayman urged that any surplus should be achieved by reduction in expenditure, not by an increase in taxation.

The delegation pointed out to the Prime Minister the difficulties they faced in trying to expand their exports market in the face of growing competition.

They suggested the Government could help, first in trying to prevent other Governments indulging in export subsidies and second in formulating an export credit policy.—Reuter.

Big Fine For Trade Ban Dodger

London, Mar. 19.

A British merchant who evaded restrictions on the shipping of strategic goods to Communist China was fined £800 in court today.

Alexander Z. Orkin pleaded guilty to exporting almost 5,000 radio valves and 50 electric metres to Belgium, knowing they would be re-exported to China.

The prosecutor, William Rawlinson, said Orkin had co-operated with the police and "helped to disclose a systematic organisation of evasion of controls".

Orkin's defence counsel said his client was a "small dupe" in the hands of another man, who was a big operator.—United Press.

Agreement On Peaceful Atoms Plan

New York, Mar. 19.

A 12-nation meeting has reached unanimous agreement on establishing an international agency for the development of peaceful atomic energy.

Diplomatic sources at the United Nations reported this today.

The United States, Britain and the Soviet Union are represented on the negotiating group.

One of the decisions said to have been reached touched on the controversial question of what relationship the projected agency should have with the United Nations.

Diplomatic informants said it had been agreed that the agency should report to the United Nations General Assembly.

The Soviet Union had argued that the agency should be responsible to the Security Council where the U.S.S.R., in common with the other permanent members, enjoys the big power veto.

The United States and Britain, plus the majority of the United Nations, vigorously opposed putting the agency under the Council.—Reuter.

15in DEEP SNOW IN NEW YORK

New York, Mar. 19.

Between 12 and 15 inches of snow and drifts up to six feet deep blanketed New York city, southern New Jersey, the south-east part of New York State and lower New England today.

Whipped by fierce north winds, the storm threatened to exceed the record fall of 16.6 inches of December 1948.

It had already claimed 110 victims in 11 states since Friday, paralysed road, rail and air traffic, disrupted business and industry and closed schools.

New York's usually crowded streets were white and empty except for the shapes of buried cars, snow-ploughs burrowing through the drifts and municipal workers trying in vain to keep pavements and crossings clear.

Hundreds of thousands of suburbanites who travel to work daily in New York found themselves blocked in their homes by huge drifts. Their cars were buried and most of the normal train services were out of action or delayed.

Rescued From Cars

Other thousands were rescued from cars stranded during the night. Troops and Police set up emergency evacuation centres where hot drinks and food were served.

Road gangs shovelled desperately to try to keep the roads open but many cars and buses which braved the elements went skidding into drifts.

La Guardia airport was closed to all traffic.

The United States Lines ship America docked 24 hours late after fighting its way up to the Hudson River with the aid of six tugs.

Many schools closed owing to lack of attendance. Children stayed home helping to clear a way from the front doors.—Reuter.

CYPRUS TERRORISM —WHY: GREEK CHURCHMEN TELL AUTHORITIES

Nicosia, Mar. 19.

Cypriot religious leaders charged today that Britain had forced extremists to take up arms because of her refusal to let Cypriots run their own affairs.

They warned that by exiling Archbishop Makarios "the British Government has destroyed—or at least postponed until his return—the only existing chance for a peaceful solution of the Cyprus problem."

Disturbances on the tense island took a new turn today even as the religious leaders issued their pronouncement. Turkish Cypriots clashed with Greek Cypriots at Vassilia on the island's north coast.

Seventeen people were injured, four seriously with knife wounds.

The Ethnarchy Council, ruling body of the Greek Orthodox Church, issued its warning in a 2,000-word statement condemning the British policy.

The Council said Makarios was prepared to appeal to Greek Cypriots to halt anti-British violence after a self-determination agreement had been reached.

"Only then could his appeal have been effective," it said.—United Press.

SOLDIERS' PRANK

A young British private was alleged at a court martial today to have admitted throwing a hand grenade at his officers mess for "excitement."

He and three others pleaded not guilty to causing two bomb explosions at the camp, in which two officers were said to have been wounded. The court adjourned until tomorrow.

The prosecution said that on the night of Saturday, March 3, at a camp at Akrodes north-east Cyprus about 10 officers were in the mess ante-room when an object shattered a window and exploded on the floor. Major Carson, the company commander, and Lieutenant Stevenson were injured by fragments. A few seconds later there was a similar explosion near the sergeants' mess but it caused no harm.

An unsuccessful search was made for terrorists.

The accused were Privates Derek McBurney, Andrew Harvie, Robert Hannah and James Macaulay Ferguson. All are from Glasgow and all are members of the Highland Light Infantry.—Reuter.

B & K WILL DO IT IN STYLE

(The Sverdlov)

Moscow, Mar. 19.

Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Mr Nikita Khrushchev will travel to Britain for their visit next month in a modern Soviet cruiser, it was authoritatively learned today.

The name of the cruiser is not yet known, but it may be the Sverdlov, which went to Britain for the coronation review at Spithead and last year led a squadron of Soviet warships on a visit to Portsmouth.

Mr Khrushchev said two weeks ago that a sea trip was under consideration. The Russians are believed to be interested in making the journey by cruiser mainly for reasons of prestige.

It is understood that they will start their journey on or about April 14, and will arrive in Britain on April 18.—Reuter.

Russia To Consider British Arms Plan

London, Mar. 19.

Russia said today she would "consider" a new Anglo-French plan for world disarmament, which has already run into United States opposition.

Britain and France put forward the proposal when the five-nation United Nations disarmament sub-committee opened a new series of negotiations here aimed at breaking years of East-West deadlock on arms limitation.

The plan has not yet been published. But diplomatic sources said it provided for the "freezing" of atomic stockpiles at agreed levels, control of future nuclear weapons production and reductions in conventional armaments and manpower.

A last minute Anglo-French attempt to make the plan common Western policy failed because the United States contended that it is too sweeping and would weaken the West's defences.

After the French and British delegates put in their proposal, Mr Gromyko, the Soviet delegate, said he would "consider" it, but would like time to study the plan.—Reuter.

Setback For Scots

London, Mar. 19.

The United Nations has refused to abrogate the 1707 Act of Union between Scotland and England, the Scottish National Congress chairman, Mr M. Muirhead announced today.

He said a petition to the United Nations had received a courteous but evasive reply.

The Scottish National Congress considers that the Act of Union has been violated many times by the British Government and, according to Mr Muirhead, the Scots have always had the right under the treaty to issue their own money.—France-Presse.

Saxon Huts Found Near St Paul's

London, Mar. 19.

The remains of the two old Saxon huts more than a thousand years old have been discovered near St. Paul's Cathedral.

They were found during excavations for a new building for the newspaper "Financial Times."

The huts were constructed of wood and they are thought to be the first specimens of Saxon colonialisation after the Romans had left their stronghold in the city.—France-Presse.

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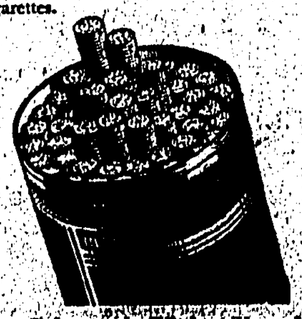

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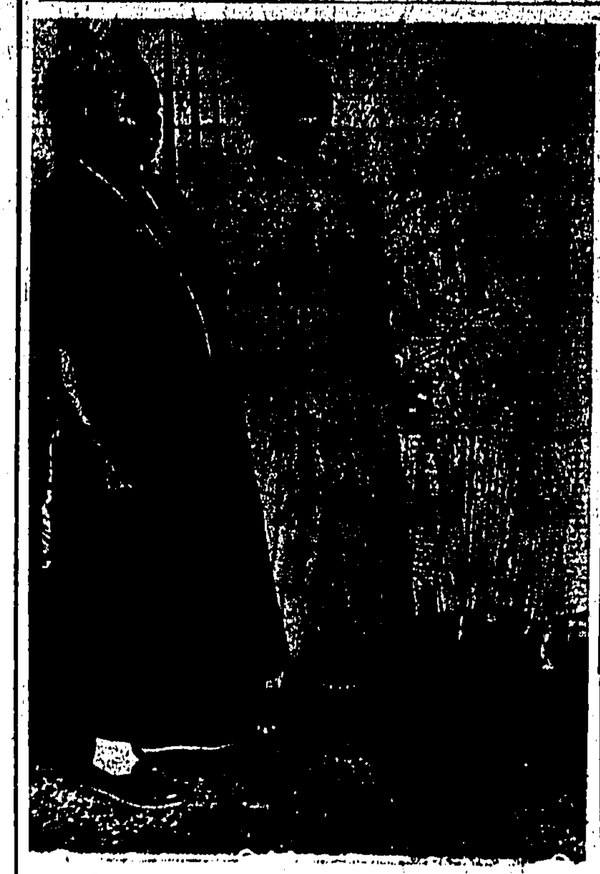

The Premier of the Western Region of Nigeria, Chief Obafemi Awolowo, is currently in the British capital at the head of his country's economic mission to the UK. Object of the mission, which will later visit the USA, Canada, Germany and Japan, is "to bring to the notice of the world the economic aspirations of the region." Picture shows Chief Awolowo, centre, with, left, his Minister of Development, the Hon. Chief C. D. Akran, and Chief M.S. Sowole, the London Trade Representative for Western Nigeria. They were photographed at a press conference in the Hyde Park Hotel.—Express Photo.

New York, Mar. 19.

Mr Masayuki Tani, the new Japanese Ambassador to the United States, said in his first major speech today that some segments of Japanese business were "taken in by the propaganda of trade opportunities with China."

Speaking at a meeting of the Japan Society here, Mr Tani said that the Communists were offering tantalising trade prospects as one of their means of trying to wean Japan away from the free world.

"You in America consider us to be the sheet anchor of the Asian 'arc of freedom'," Mr Tani said. "The Communists, too, aware of our strategic position and our power potential, know that the balance of power would turn considerably in their favour if they were to succeed in capturing us.

Exposed To Pressure

"Knowing this and observing the direction of their recent shifts in line, it follows reasonably that Japan is the ultimate objective of the Communists in Asia.

"Situated as we are within easy striking distance of Communist aircraft from the continent, we are constantly exposed to pressures on all fronts —political, economic and psychological.

"By playing upon human fears of the awful dangers of nuclear weapons, by offering tantalising trade opportunities, by offering security in exchange for abandoning our Western ties —the Communists seek to neutralise Japan, to wean her away from the free world.

"Like their counterparts all over the world, Japanese Communists and their fellow travellers have taken the cue, and are energetically carrying on a campaign of neutralism.

Seize Opportunities

"They are quick to seize every opportunity to infiltrate and utilise left-wing elements in politics, in trade unions, in education and in journalism to spread their gospel of neutralism.

"Their arguments affect virtually all groups and touch upon virtually all interests.

"Some segments of Japanese business, for example, recalling the flourishing trade with China in the prewar years are taken in by the propaganda of trade opportunities with China, ignorant of the basic changes that have taken place in that market since the inception of the Communist regime.

"Many youths and so-called intellectuals are deluded into thinking that the mere establishment of normal relations with the Communist countries is adequate guarantee of our national security.

Minor Segment

"Fortunately only a minority segment of the Japanese population has these false illusions. But it is a situation that cannot be left unattended. It is being met. It must and will continue to be met, for such conditions exist only in a climate of instability," Mr Tani said.—Reuter.

Aid Rushed To Quake Victims

Beirut, Mar. 19.

All relief organisations—the Red Cross, the Palestine Refugees Organisation, the United Nations Emergency Fund — were combining their efforts today to bring the victims of the Lebanese earthquake last Saturday into the capital for treatment.

The latest official figures put the death roll at 140.

A veritable mobilisation of ambulances was made to bring the sick into Beirut as considerable anxiety arose for the health of the survivors.

Many of those rendered homeless in villages more than 3,000 feet up in the Lebanese mountains have been hit by bad weather and a large number, particularly children, already are suffering various ailments.

Meanwhile, it was learned from Malta that the British warship Manxman had been dispatched urgently with foodstuffs and bedding for the victims.—France-Presse.

AN EGG IS NOT WHAT IT WAS

Paris, Mar. 19.

An egg is not what it was in France, according to a Food Ministry expert—and the same goes for vegetables, bread and sugar.

Professor Pierre Delore, a Ministry technical adviser, warned farmers that their use of artificial methods to produce more crops and greater egg and milk output had damaged the quality of food reaching the shops.

He said doctors and dieticians were becoming increasingly alarmed at the trend.—China Mail Special.

Johannesburg, Mar. 19.

Manilal Gandhi, son of the late Mahatma Gandhi, was reported today to be gradually recovering from the stroke which caused great anxiety for his life several weeks ago.

Mr Gandhi is still in hospital, but he is reported to talk a little better than before and to be more cheerful.—France-Presse.

Stevenson Faces Crucial Test

By Paul Scott Rankine

Washington, Mar. 19.

The campaign of Mr Adlai Stevenson to win nomination as the Democratic Party's candidate in next November's Presidential election faces a crucial test tomorrow, polling day in the Minnesota primary election.

Voters in the snow-bound Middle Western State on the borders of Canada will elect delegates to the nominating conventions next August, pledged to support either Mr Stevenson or his hard-fighting Democratic rival, Senator Estes Kefauver.

Mr Stevenson, the titular head of the party and its candidate against President Eisenhower in 1952, returned to Minnesota today for a last-minute whirlwind tour of St Paul and Minneapolis.

Better Vote Getter

Amid the complexities of primary election politics, Mr Stevenson is in a similar position to that which confronted Senator Kefauver last week in the New Hampshire primary. If Mr Stevenson wins, he will have crossed only one of many hurdles which he will have to clear between now and next August.

But if he loses only a sizable proportion of delegates to Senator Kefauver it will probably set off a movement by national Democratic Party leaders to find a candidate with better vote-getting ability to challenge President Eisenhower next November.

This is a dangerous political situation which Mr Stevenson has been forced to accept through coming out as the "front runner" so long before the convention.

In 1954, his name was brought forward only at the last moment before the convention met, and he won the nomination without a long drawn-out political struggle in preconvention primaries.

Former Adviser

On the sidelines of tomorrow's contest are several potential Democratic candidates ready for a similar last-minute call after the primaries are over, and if the party leadership decide to "dump" Mr Stevenson.

These included President Truman's former adviser, Governor Averell Harriman of New York, and Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan, both ardent "New Dealers" popular in the North but detested by Conservative Southern Democrats.

Obstruction Ability

Two dark horses to replace Mr Stevenson if he falters are Senator Stuart Symington of Missouri and Governor Frank Lausche of Ohio, who would be more acceptable to the South.

Though Senator Kefauver may make some gains against Mr Stevenson tomorrow, national interest in him is focussed on his ability to obstruct Mr Stevenson's march to nomination rather than on his own capacity to win it himself.—Reuter.

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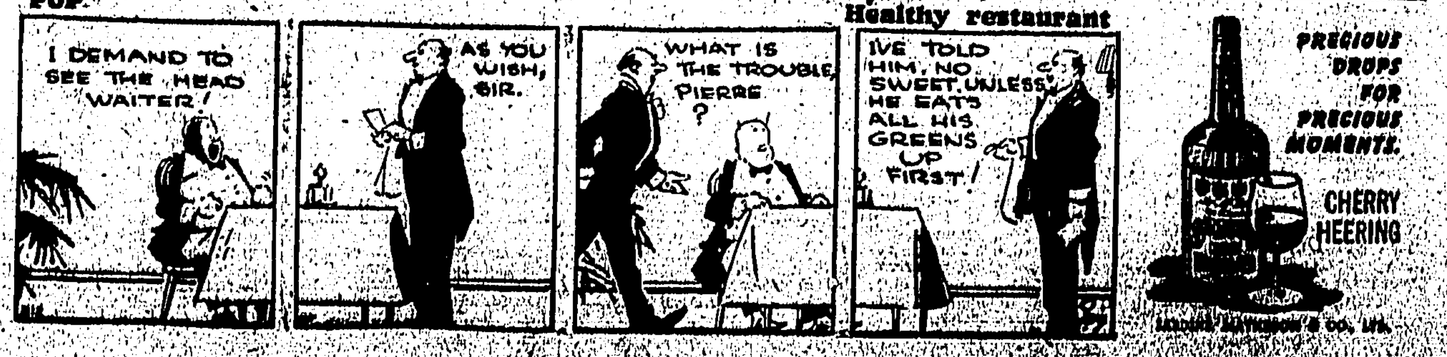


KRUPP PLANS TO STOP RUSSIAN DRIVE IN FAR EAST

Washington, Mar. 19.

The recent proposals submitted to the State Department by the German Krupp enterprises on plans to stop the Soviet economic drive in underdeveloped areas of the Mideast, South Asia and Africa are but another example of the need for imagination in dealing with Soviet economic offers, US officials said today.

The State Department said that the proposals were presented for the information of the department only and that consequently no action was required.

Department spokesman Lincoln White read to reporters today a prepared statement on the visit to Deputy Under-Secretary of State Robert Murphy by the general manager of the Krupp empire, Herr Berthold Beitz, and another Krupp executive on March 8. The statement said:

Made Clear

"Herr Beitz and Herr Hensel called on Mr Murphy on March 8. At that time a memorandum outlining in general terms a proposal was left with the Department for its information. The representatives of Herr Krupp stated that the matter had not been approved by Herr Krupp and that more definite proposals would be developed later.

"The representatives of Herr Krupp made it clear they were speaking on behalf of their company and were not submitting the proposal on behalf of the German Government. They stated their proposal was not intended to be a substitution for other forms of aid but was to be considered an additional technique for extending aid to underdeveloped areas.

One of Series

"Since the proposal was submitted in that form and only for the information of the Department, no action was required."

Mr White told reporters that the proposal was being considered but that the Department would await the arrival of additional details promised by the Krupp representatives.

Meanwhile, officials said this was one of a series of proposals that have been made since the Soviets launched their economic drive last year. They explained that Herr Krupp was personally familiar with many of the problems of the areas in need of economic aid and was therefore in a better position than most to know and understand the needs of these areas.

Similar Proposal

The Krupp proposal was understood to ask that international syndicates of Western industries contribute their technical skills, productive power and managerial "know-how" toward stopping the Soviet economic threat.

A similar proposal was made last month in Paris by German Ambassador to NATO, Herr Herbert Blankenhorn, who asked that France and Germany co-operate in providing technical assistance and trade to the troubled Mideast.

Some officials also saw a link with the Krupp proposal in plans submitted several years ago by Mr Harold Stassen when he was foreign aid chief.

At that time, Mr Stassen suggested that the more highly industrialised European nations join the United States in its Point Four Programme of aid to the have-not parts of the world.

Over-Extended

One other factor believed to have played a part in the Krupp proposal was lack of long term foreign credits in German industry.

They explained that German industry apparently had over-extended on short term credits and if it wanted to continue its foreign investment programme it would need funds from abroad.

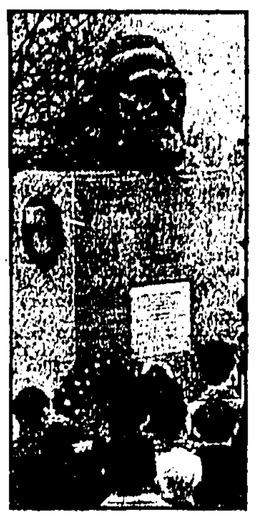
Apparently the German argument is that German industry can supply technicians, engineers, engineering knowledge and equipment to help construct capital investments like dams and steel mills if it can find a new source of capital.

Govt Assistance?

The Krupp proposal apparently hopes to have American firms associate themselves with German industries in this venture. This would facilitate obtaining credit from such institutions as the Export-Import Bank.

US officials assume that if the Krupp proposal were to reach fruition, the German Government would come into the project in one form or another.—United Press.

KARL MARX MEMORIAL



A view of the Karl Marx memorial in Highgate Cemetery, London. It was unveiled by the British Communist, Harry Pollitt, on the anniversary of Marx's birthday last Wednesday. The obelisk is of Cornish granite surmounted by a bronze statue which is the work of Mr L. Bradshaw. —Central Press Photo.

US Replies To Japan On Atomic Tests

Washington, Mar. 19.

American officials today disclosed that the United States replied today to a Japanese Note requesting assurances of compensation for any damage which might be suffered by Japanese fishermen or others as a result of the forthcoming series of nuclear test explosions in the Pacific.

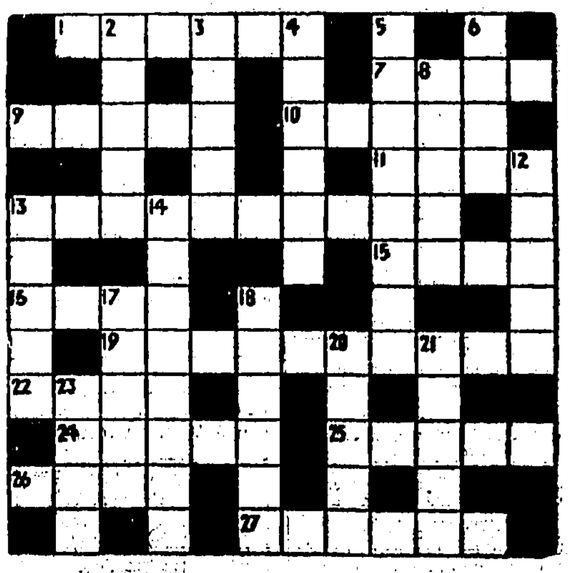
The reply was not made available textually. However, reliable sources said it could be considered as a rejection of Japan's desire to secure a general American promise of compensation for all Japanese nationals, including fishermen, who might suffer damage as a result of the US nuclear tests.

SECOND POINT

The US Note also contained a second point. This was the official American comment on a resolution passed last month by the Japanese Diet calling for a total ban on all H-bomb and A-bomb tests.

It was not expected that the American comment on this latter point went beyond thanking the Japanese for calling the attitude of the Diet to Washington's attention and expressing the intention of the US to take all possible steps to avert endangering anyone by the tests.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Concurred (6).
7 Hard work (4).
9 Endures (5).
10 Theatrical work (5).
11 Gold ornamentation (4).
13 Growing-up (10).
15 Continent (4).
16 Divinities (4).
19 Assessing (10).
22 Garment (4).
24 Extent (5).
25 Elegance (5).
26 Uncommon (4).
27 Negotiates (6).

DOWN

2 Zest (5).
3 Follow (5).
4 Infer (6).
5 Motionless (8).
6 Clock-face (4).
8 Leaves out (5).
12 Nasal tone (5).
13 Rage (5).
14 Diminished (8).
17 Exclude (5).
18 Amuse (6).
20 Debate (5).
21 Unsuitable (5).
23 Spoken (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Scribe, 4 Erupt, 7 Unlike, 9 Agree, 10 Bias, 12 Glacier, 15 Steam, 16 Test, 17 Every, 19 Plied, 20 Induced, 21 Rift, 23 Usage, 24 Severe, 25 Fleet, 26 Cradle. Down: 1 Stumbled, 2 Released, 3 Bake, 5 Register, 6 Pieces, 8 Humid, 11 Struggle, 12 Gaped, 13 Sediment, 14 Stutters, 18 Vocal, 22 Feed.

FAR EAST WEATHER SITUATION

Tokyo, Mar. 19.

HEAVY rains fell in Japan today while Formosans dug out their topcoats.

Rain was general over the main Japanese island of Honshu and on Shikoku, smallest of the four major islands.

Rain in Tokyo totalled nearly 1½ inches this evening, and was still falling.

A cool snap moved into Formosa after Sunday's near 90-degree weather.

A cold wave out of the China mainland lowered Formosan temperatures today to the high 50s.

Skies were partly clouded over the Republic of Korea, and Seoul reported a maximum temperature of 50 degrees.

It was clear in the Djakarta area of Indonesia, and Singapore reported a maximum temperature of 90 degrees.

The Philippines sweltered in hot, humid weather with a maximum reading of 92 degrees in Manila.—United Press.

Margaret Truman Marrying Next Month

New York, Mar. 19.

Miss Margaret Truman announced today that she will be married on April 21 in Trinity Episcopal Church in Independence, Missouri.

Miss Truman, daughter of former President and Mrs Harry S. Truman, will wed Mr. E. Clifton Daniel, Jr, Assistant to the Foreign Editor of the New York Times.

She said the 4 p.m. ceremony at her home town church would be a simple one with only two attendants, Mrs John E. Horton, the former Drucie Snyder, and Mrs Coleman Branton, the former Mary Shaw, who will act as matrons of honour.—United Press.

PRINCESS IN CYPRUS

Princess Caroline-Mathilde, wife of Prince Knud, heir-presumptive to the Danish throne, is on a tour of the Mediterranean, and last week she visited Cyprus, where she called on Governor Sir John Harding and lunched at Government House. Picture shows the Princess, centre, with Sir John Harding, left, and Lady Harding, right, on the lawn of Government House. At rear are Mr and Mrs Christiansen of the Danish Court, who accompanied the Princess.—Express Photo.

'OPERATION DEEPFREEZE' WAS SUCCESS DESPITE BLUNDERS

Sydney, Mar. 19.

The first phase of "Operation Deep Freeze" blundered through to achieve the greatest success of any Polar expedition in history.

Man now knows more of this vast, mysterious land and the cosmic ray-bombarded heavens above it than he ever has known before.

More than a million square miles of land were brought under human and camera eyes for the first time, five new mountain ranges were discovered and charted, four flights were made over the South Pole proper and one over each of the other two Poles.

Most important of all, America's right to claim much of Antarctica was strengthened beyond any reason of doubt.

All this was accomplished despite inadequate planning, bureaucratic confusion, ambiguous directives and epidemic "cabin fever."

Outspoken

Several of the expedition's scientists were outspokenly disappointed by failure to grant their requests for transportation to outlying areas or field trips where they could carry out studies.

But the position was taken that transportation priorities, especially air, must go to unloading supplies, establishing bases and long-range mapping flights. No additional passenger or diversion of men and equipment could be made to the scientists until these objectives had been attained.

The expedition charted at least half of the continent's remaining land never seen before by man, bringing the American-explored area far beyond the combined total of all other nations.

Peaks rising more than 14,000 feet were discovered among the five new ranges mapped. Pilots flying over the area described the Antarctic continent as a huge ice-clad plateau presenting a minimum of topographical features in its interior.

High Priority

The Pole itself lies at 10,000 feet above sea level, compared with the North Pole which is submerged hundreds of fathoms below water.

While listed as a joint 40-nation operation supporting the "International Geophysical Year," the high priority given aerial surveys and establishment of permanent bases left little doubt in the minds of observers that an equally important purpose was to protect any future American claims in the Antarctic's scramble for bases.

Confinement of officers and men in the cramped quarters of the ships caused "cabin fever" which penetrated all ranks, causing griping and exhibitions of temperament.

Ambiguously written orders in Washington increased the difficulty of commanders.

There was also an overlapping of command between Adm. George J. Dufek, placed in charge of all officers and men in the operation, and Polar hero Adm. Richard Byrd (retired) who carried orders stating that he was the senior US representative.

Similar conflicts of command within the Navy air arm also caused tension and marred efficiency.

Ice Damage

Poor liaison between task force commanders and ships' officers hindered efficiency of the operation.

Reporters travelled 13,000 miles to find that spot news had been delayed in transmission as long as 72 hours while official reports were speeded to Washington as Navy Department press releases.

Repeated ice damage to ships and the threat of an early and severe winter forced postponement of the search for landings along the Knox and Weddell coasts for the purpose of marking sites and catching supplies.

The lack of a carrier handicapped the expedition as it was unable to get medium range planes from New Zealand to the Antarctic where it was intended to use them for Polar landings and intermediate exploration flights.

Greater Success

Wheeled vehicles proved worthless. Tractors were the only satisfactory means of travel overland. The helicopters were the workhorses of the operation.

But the knowledge and experience gained should guarantee an even greater success when the second phase gets underway later this year.—United Press.

F.E. Refugee Visa Quota Used Up

Washington, Mar. 19.

The State Department announced today that it will accept no new applications for visas allotted by the Refugee Act to refugees who are indigenous to the Far East after midnight on March 20.

The State Department explained this attitude was dictated by the "heavy oversubscription" for the 3,000 visas allotted by the Relief Act.

It was also explained that as of March 9, 1,663 of the 3,000 visas has been issued, and that the number of applications on hand greatly exceeded the number of visas remaining to be issued.—France-Presse.

US POPULATION UP 2,808,000

Washington, Mar. 19.

The United States population was about 168,903,000 on February 1, 1956, an increase of 2,808,000 over last year, the Census Bureau announced here today.

Thailand Border Closed

Cambodia Protests To Commission

Phnompenh, Mar. 19.

Cambodia has protested to the United Nations and to India, a member of the Indo-China Truce Supervisory Commission, against Thailand's closure of its frontiers with Cambodia, an official source said here today.

Even rail traffic has been stopped since Thailand announced last week that it was closing the border following alleged raids by uniformed Cambodian police and troops on Thai frontier villages.

Diplomatic sources said an economic blockade of Cambodia was now complete as South Vietnam had already closed its frontiers.

The Cambodian source, who announced that the protest was made by Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the Premier, said a similar protest will probably be sent to France later.—Reuter.

Counteracting Red Influence In Middle East

Beirut, Mar. 19.

Foreign Office and British Council officials in the Middle East began meetings here today to plan ways and means of counteracting growing Communist influence throughout the area.

This meeting, which will continue for the next three days, had been urged by Middle East officials for the last two years, but was hurriedly ordered by the Foreign Office about a fortnight ago, according to reliable sources.

At the same time, heads of British Council offices in eight Middle East countries were holding a preliminary meeting at British Council headquarters here, prior to a two-day conference due to begin tomorrow.

Analysis

The whole planning and strategy of British information services in the Arab world was being analysed, and plans drawn up for disseminating news and views of Britain and her aims in this area on a larger scale to offset the increase and spread of anti - British propaganda by Communist and Arab nationalist organisations.

The British Council is at present spending about £350,000 in the Middle East on education, libraries, teachers and cultural activities.

It is believed more money is likely to be available in the future to help attempts to stem the tide of mounting Russian influence.—Reuter.

Friendship At Last

Ankara, Mar. 19.

The chiefs of state of Turkey and Russia exchanged friendly messages for the first time during the 35 years of the Turco-Soviet treaty, it was disclosed today.

Mr Kliment Y. Voroshilov, chairman of the Presidium of the Soviet Union, sent a cable extending "hearty congratulations" to Turkish President Celal Nayar on the anniversary of the treaty signed on March 16, 1921.

The President replied today with a telegram thanking Mr Voroshilov.

Relations between the two countries have been strained since 1945. Since the death of Josef Stalin, however, Russian Government officials have been offering the hand of friendship to the Turks.—United Press.

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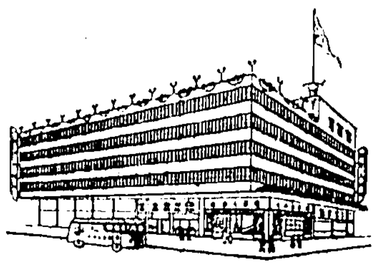

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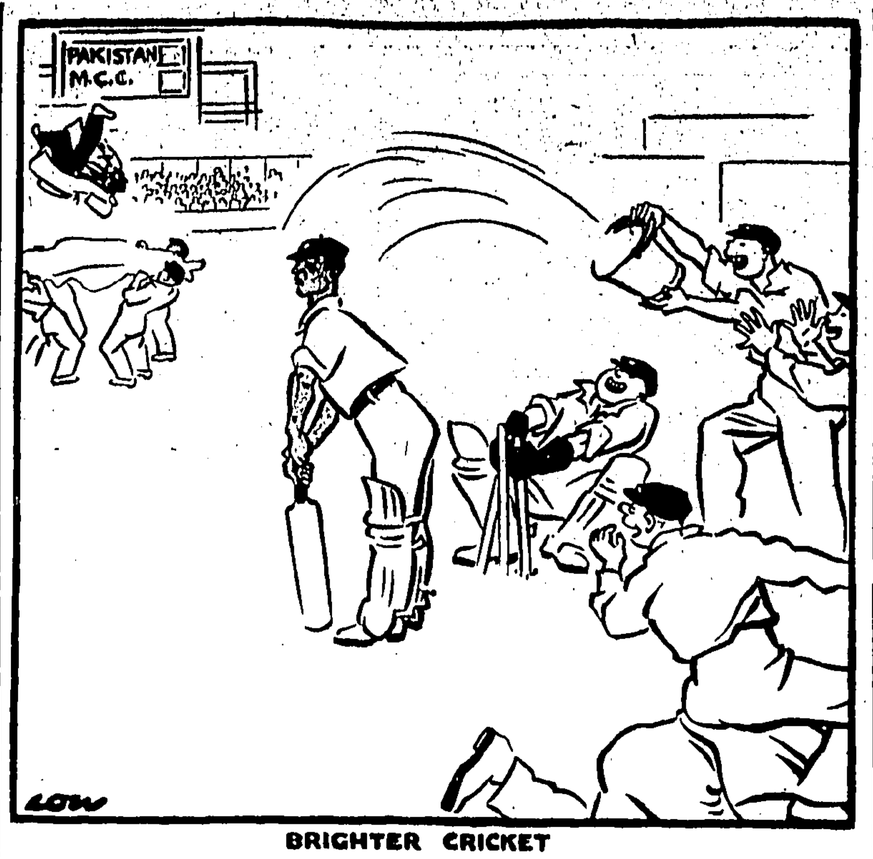

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IS THIS REALLY A MAN'S JOB?

By Amanda Marshall

LAST year marked a record and staggering total of books published in this country.

With the rise of literacy among even the upper classes personable young men of distinction seem to be substituting publishing for all those now almost forgotten careers like Big Game Hunting and Looking After the Estate.

Indeed, those advertisements that still crop up about "Young man, well-educated, drives own car, seeks interesting work, go anywhere, do anything," seem to me to have printed invisibly between the lines: "Would even stoop to television with good expenses, but really would prefer to become first-class publisher without further delay."

Publishing combines glamour with respectability to a degree hitherto only attained by Jack Hawkins and Anna Neagle. It's not a question of publish and be damned, but publish and escort Princess Margaret to the ballet, like that successful man-of-two-worlds and publisher-about-Town, Mr Mark Bonham-Carter.

LITERARY TASTE

What are today's qualifications for a promising embryo-publisher? A certain literary taste, one assumes (though an army of seasoned and hard-headed readers will always be at hand to stop you making an ass of yourself); the right number of years being educated; a smattering of foreign languages picked up on holiday abroad, which will enable you to read the foreign book reviews and nab a best-seller quickly.

And some capital. Without capital you can still become a first class publisher. But with capital you'll be one much sooner, with so many friendly hands to help you in.

The new publishers are a dandy, spruce lot. The old, all-wise, God-like figure with a crumpled tie to match a dusty office, is a thing of the dim past.

Much more typical of today's need is Mr Ronald Searle, and there's nothing crumpled or dusty about him. Casual, eager, sweater-wearing, he is one of the new race of what might be called, without offence, Sunday publishers (the connection being with Sunday painting rather than with the production of religious tracts). Sunday publishers have begun to decorate the scene since the war. Their other occupations are art, literature, lecturing—which occupy some part of their time; publishing takes up the rest.

The elegant, wordly wise Mr Nicholas Bentley, who writes books and frequently draws the pictures, is such a one. So, if you like to look at it that way, is Mr T. S. Eliot, who is poet, playwright, and critic as well as publisher.

FOOTBALL MANAGERS

The New Look in publishing permits publishers to move about in the great world almost as though they were football managers or stockbrokers. Far from spending their waking hours in booklined study and ditto office, they may even run to giving theatrical parties, like Hamish Hamilton, or, patronising Covent Garden, like the fanatically musical Victor Gollancz, or attending almost every first night, like the mundane, witty, and sceptical Bertie van Thal, who sounds like a character by Saki, and practically is one.

Why have so few women so far managed to eel into this pleasant world of intelligent lunches and celebratory Book Society Choice parties?

There are one or two, as exceptional for their scarcity as they must be for their talents and tenacity. Sonia Orwell is one, a positive, fully three-D woman who once surveyed the literary scene from that beribboned cradle of the arts, Horizon.

Antonia Pakenham, peach-fed, English-rose-type girl of promise, works decoratively as a publisher's publicist.

SENSE OF TIMING

Ellie Miller, the dark-eyed, calm-spirited daughter of the man who created the Phaidon Press, manages to keep an eye on art books and two children at the same time. And the Moynihan collective portrait of the Penguin Book directors includes the figure of one woman, Eunice Frost.

Surely this is a career in which typical female characteristics—not to say virtues—might profitably flourish? Taste, tact, shrewdness, a sense of timing, a touch of inspired recklessness and a little more than a touch of self-preserving caution—all female attributes—seem to me to sum up the Perfect Publisher pretty nicely.

Can publishing be Man's Last Stronghold, cosier than the Athenaeum, warmer than Parson's Pleasure, and more lucrative than the House of Lords?

By SIR BEVERLEY BAXTER, MP

THE VAGUE DREAMER

IT was one of those drizzling mugwump Saturdays peculiar to the British climate when winter is changing into spring. The weather was not cold enough to make the fireside attractive, and it was too soggy for golf.

"Let's go and see 'Richard III,'" said my wife. As a precaution we phoned the Leicester Square Cinema where it was having its first run, and after considerable pressure we were allotted two seats at a guinea each.

That astonishing fellow, Sir Alexander Korda, had made the picture with Sir Laurence Olivier, who not only directed it but played the lead. But would the cinema addicts really go to see a picture with Shakespeare as the script-writer? We soon had the answer to that. A queue of hundreds was waiting outside.

Seldom have I had such an experience in the cinema or the theatre as on that Saturday afternoon. Shakespeare would have revelled in it. As for Olivier, I do not believe that there is another actor in the world who could bring such relish to the role of the hunchback Richard, who murdered his way to the throne and was killed in the civil war that his crimes provoked.

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Korda and Olivier! What a combination . . .

Less than a week later, there were even bigger crowds in Trafalgar Square, outside the church of St Martin's in the Field. The sad-faced, handsome Olivier walked up the steps to the pulpit and, with perfect language and diction, paid tribute to the dead Korda. The incredible Hungarian had passed from life to legend.

It is customary when a famous man dies to dwell upon his virtues and ignore his failings; hence the old English expression, "He lies like an epitaph." But the story of Alexander Korda is one that comprises comedy, satire, greatness and incredulity. If a novelist had invented him the verdict would have been: "No one would believe that such a man could have existed." And by all the canons of judgment that verdict would be justified.

"Being a Hungarian is not a nationality, it is a profession," Korda once said. But, then, with his soft, weary, humorous voice, he could make anything sound like an epigram.

When the First World War ended, Budapest was the dead capital of a dead country. The victors at Versailles decided that the ramshackle Austro-Hungarian Empire should be carved up into independent states. Just how the states were to survive was a problem that did not unduly depress those architects of disaster—Woodrow Wilson, Clemenceau, Llyod George and Masaryk.

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Young Alexander Korda had been a sort of journalist who became a sort of soldier in the war. He had also dabbled in films. But his real hobby was to make ironic comments on life in a soft, persuasive voice. Any student of human nature would have realised that he would spend his life as a cafe commentator with a mordant wit.

Somehow he made his way to Paris, and later on he somehow made his way to London. Forgive the repetition of the word, but of all the vague men I ever met he was the most vague and the most amusing. Nature had cast him in the mould of the melancholy jester. As for a balance sheet, it meant less to him than Greek mythology.

Yet on reaching Britain he formed a film company composed of himself and his brother, and he sent word to Leslie Howard that he would like to put him under contract for a film. "Who is Korda?" was Howard's only comment.

Undeterred, Korda made contact with the fabulous Ostrer brothers, who controlled the giant Gaumont-British theatre circuit and studios. The President, Isadore Ostrer, a financial genius, was almost as vague as Korda, and after they had met and talked Isadore said: "But where are your stars?" To which Korda replied: "I shall make my stars."

Like a good Hungarian, Korda formed his own producing company and named it "London Films." Languidly he explained: "Every film will open with a picture of Big Ben as it strikes the hour. That is much better than anything the Americans ever thought of."

"Nay, now dispatch, 'twas I that killed your husband, but 'twas thy heavenly face that set me on." Richard of Gloucester (Sir Laurence Olivier, with a false nose), woos the Lady Anne (Claire Bloom), tragic young widow of the Lancastrian heir to the throne of England, as part of his ruthless scheme to seize the crown for himself. Scene from the picture "Richard III," produced jointly by the late Sir Alexander Korda and Sir Laurence Olivier.

He collected some executives, took them out to supper and persuaded them to join his company on the basis that no salaries would be paid for the first year. But he found that he could not make films merely by not paying salaries. Whereupon he took a rich Italian to supper and induced him to put up some money.

With cash in hand he made one or two films of no particular account. And then one night a strange thing happened.

While travelling to the Savoy for supper he heard the driver singing to himself a bawdy song about Henry VIII and his wives. It lit a candle in Korda's mind.

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Henry VIII! What a theme! History, debauchery, pageantry and wives galore! What about that strange fellow Charles Laughton, whom he had met at Gaumont's? Instead of imitating Hollywood, with its glamorous male stars, why not this stoutish actor with the heavy jowl and fruity voice?

"But the picture must be done on a lavish scale," Korda said. "For the first time I shall make a film in my own manner and with my own money." The fact that the money came from the Italian backer was neither here nor there.

The film was an immense success. Korda's soft-voiced comment on it was: "It has prestige, pomp, magic and madness." In short, Korda had arrived. Even today "Henry VIII" earns £10,000 a year wandering about the minor circuits of the world.

Later on Korda met Winston Churchill, who was not of political favour, and they discussed the subject of Nelson as a possible film. Churchill was immensely interested and gave Korda a vivid picture of the indomitable one-eyed Admiral who swept the French fleet off the seas.

In fact Churchill talked as only Churchill can. As a former First Lord of the Admiralty and as a great historian, he gave Korda a wonderful description of every battle which Nelson had fought.

"It is very good," said Korda. "I shall call the picture 'Lady Hamilton.'"

Later on, when Churchill was out of office and everyone knew that he had no future in politics, he actually did some script writing for Korda, but there is no record that they were of any great account.

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Incidentally, Korda married Merle Oberon, who had played the role of Lady Hamilton in the film. He had been previously married in Hungary just after the First World War, and a son was born. The marriage must have broken up, but the reasons are lost in the mists. His marriage to Merle Oberon took place in 1939, but it did not go very well and was dissolved.

However, the great man was not dismayed by these marital failures. A couple of years ago he married for the third time. The lady of his choice was a young woman from Canada named Alexandria Boycum.

"Once upon a time I knew everything about films," said Korda. "Then I knew nothing. But now I know everything again. Marriage is also like that."

In the Second World War Korda's situation became very difficult. The rights of the films he had made were taken by the mighty Prudential Insurance Company against the heavy amount loaned to him. But somehow he survived. His star had set, but his philosophy and his ingenuity were intact.

The Prudential had closed down on him. His studios had been taken over for war purposes. Korda had a name but nothing much else. Then, true to form, he had an idea.

When the war ended there would be a world shortage of films. What about buying back the rights of the pictures which he had pledged to the Prudential? Somehow he borrowed £75,000, and the insurance company gave him back his picture rights.

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Off went "Henry VIII" and "Lady Hamilton" in company with all his other pictures. The starved cinemas of the world welcomed them with open arms. In fact, he grossed nearly £2,000,000 with his reissues. Once more he was Korda the Magnificent.

He had been knighted in 1953, and there is no reason to doubt that it was the generous-hearted Churchill who had recommended the honour. Now that the war was over and Korda had recovered his financial position by sending his pictures to the world's starved cinemas, our Hungarian began to think once more in terms of Lorenzo the Magnificent.

Before the abdication the Duke and Duchess of York, with their daughters Elizabeth and Margaret, had lived at 145 Piccadilly in a house adjoining Hyde Park. It was a wonderful setting, and Korda decided to acquire it as offices for his cinema company.

"I hate Wardour Street," he said, referring to the area in London where the offices of nearly all the British film companies are centred. "I want to think and look on the Park."

In fact, he became so enamoured of his Piccadilly setting that he decided to buy 144 Piccadilly as well.

"For what purpose?" asked his colleagues.

Korda lit a cigar, being almost as fond of cigars as was Churchill. "We shall make first class films and we shall have a first class setting at No. 144 for our publicity boys to turn out first class puffs for our pictures. Besides, we shall have the best view of all the processions."

But something was missing. "Oh yes! I must have a yacht. There is nothing to do on a yacht but think and talk. I do not like these telephones and desks. Get me a yacht."

He also decided to play bridge. "I do not enjoy bridge," he said. "But I like sitting up until four in the morning. That is the time when ideas come into the mind."

Still playing Lorenzo the Magnificent, he took a penthouse suite in Claridge's, which is the most expensive hotel in London. "The mind must have luxury," he said. "The mind must have elegance."

Then in an expansive mood he would say, "I started in Budapest knowing nothing. Later on I learned everything. And now I know nothing. But there is always room for a great idea in an empty mind."

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Thus ruminated the strange likable ex-soldier and ex-journalist, who had been arrested as a revolutionary in Budapest, then a waiter in Paris, a film magnate knighted at Buckingham Palace, a poet, a philosopher, a dreamer, and an adventurer who understood the British better than they understood themselves.

He had many failures such as "Bonnie Prince Charlie," and he achieved the impossible by making a film on the lives of Gilbert and Sullivan which was utterly commonplace.

A year ago he said: "I am tired. I am finished. I will make no more picture." Then he announced his decision to make a film of Shakespeare's "Richard III" with Sir Laurence Olivier in the lead and with Sir John Gielgud and Sir Ralph Richardson in support.

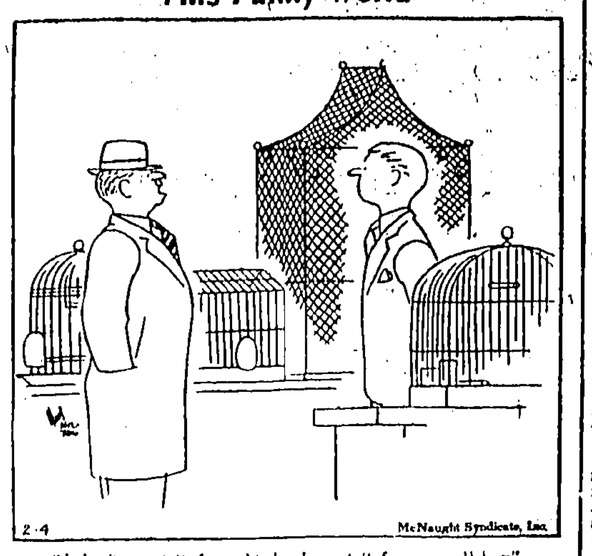
And that brings to an end the story of this relentless dreamer of dreams, this romantic who was more realistic than the realistic, this financier who could raise millions but could not read a balance sheet, this poet from the wrecked remains of Austria's ramshackle empire who loved England more than he loved money or women.

I hope his spirit was looking down on the great congregation of famous people at St Martin's in the Field when Sir Laurence Olivier paid that last tribute with such nobility of voice and language as would have gladdened the heart of Korda's last script-writer, William Shakespeare.

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER

"But, Wilbur dear, it must have been torture for you having to hear all about the President's heart with not a chance of snatching back about your wheels!"

This Funny World



"I don't want it for a bird. I want it for a small boy"

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

A PLEA that pingpong is the cleanest of all the sports omits to mention the occasion when a member of a greyhound gang tried to tie a pingpong player's toes together before a match.

"Whatever are you doing?" cried the pingpong captain, Emily Trusiewe. The man shrank back, as though stung by a scorpion, his face working uglily, and a foul oath trembling on his lips. Then Flavia Delabole strode out of the changing-room and pulled the intruder's nose until his eyes watered. "Well done!" shouted several voices. The man slunk away like a whipped cur, while the strong twine was cut from the victim's toes. And far away in Lymington a grey-haired mother sat by the fire with her memories.

Expert witness with Ovometer

MISS Constantia Scholes, of the Institute of Ovometry, told the Egg Commissioners that the shrinkage of a new-laid egg amounts to 0.4897138 of a millimetre every 73 days. "Very interesting," said Mr Justice Cocklecarrot, "but I suggest that the ordinary man does not measure his egg to find out whether it is fresh. There are other methods, possibly less scientific. All that your statement claims is that if you find that an egg has shrunk 0.4897138 of a millimetre, it is 73 days old. If eggs which have not reached that patriarchal age do not shrink appreciably, how does your method help us to detect the approximate date of their laying?" Miss Scholes said, "The new-laid category should cover all periods up to 73 days, to allow time for observation, sorting, grading, and packing." "I would rather eat the hen before it laid," replied Cocklecarrot with generous indignation.

Another infant prodigy

HALF a banana, or, alternatively, the sickle moon over Altrincham, by little Nuclea Grape, aged three. Her mother says, "Audrey just draws these pictures. Art is in her blood. Her grandfather was a varnisher, and one of my great-uncles played the French horn in the Gosport Town Band for forty-one years." The little thing should be subsidised by the United Nations Cultural and Artistic Organisation (UNCAO), like the fire brigade of St Philibert-Sur-de-Loup (Ardeche), which is being taught interior decoration, personal decorum, and Indian dancing by UMSOK.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

BORN today, you have outstanding executive ability and it is likely that before you have advanced very far in life, you will find that you are at the head of some big enterprise. You are a person of ideas and you will find your happiest expression in some field where your vigorous mind is given full opportunity to express itself.

Interested in the sciences, you also have an interest in the occult and the mysterious. It is possible that you may try to explain the one in terms of the other! You are inclined to gather facts, marshal them in order to suit some favoured thesis—and then argue your point with considerable force and enthusiasm.

You are not one to waste your time or energy on half-truths—you want to get to the bottom of things before you make up your mind, too!

You have the type of intellectual curiosity which makes a good student and as you grow older, a fine scholar. You have an exceptional memory and can usually match names and faces without a bit of trouble after a single meeting. If you were to enter politics, this would be a valuable asset. However, it is more likely that you will use this gift as a social asset and will only enter the public arena in the event that you have some programme or campaign which you wish to put across.

Among those born on this date are: Charles W. Eliot, Harvard president; Walter Lionel George and William J. Locke, authors; Neal Dow, reformer; Serge Rachmaninoff, pianist-composer and James Schouler, historian.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—There are great possibilities for important, positive action just now. Make this day count.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—A fast-moving day. Make sure that you maintain good judgment in all matters, no matter how swift the pace.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—A fine day if you can force yourself to be practical and not go off on flights of pure fancy.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Use your intelligence in all that you undertake today. Your decision can prove important.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Keep yourself under control and you can count this as one of your most favourable days this month.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Stick to the facts and you will find that you can force issues and get exactly what you want now.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—All activities that are based on sound premises should evolve into significant results for your future.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Combine business, social and even personal affairs to your distinct advantage at this time.

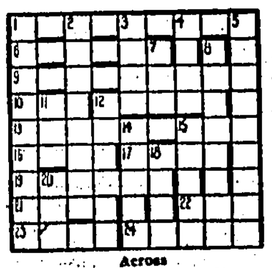
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—It is possible that you will be offered a new and exciting job or an important promotion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—There may be an undercurrent of unreliability, but combat that by going directly to the source!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Another good day, but you may need to placate someone who is a little envious of your good fortune.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Another fine day, if you stick to the practical facts of life and don't go off on impulsive tangents.

CROSSWORD

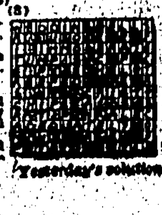


Across

1. Close fair (anag.). (4, 5)
6. Expensive bloom. (6)
9. Is this a club for bus conductors? (4, 5)
10. Nodded without Ned. (8)
12. They hang about almost any old place. (5)
13. Say, listen . . . that's what is done at these! (9)
16. Bird ridden in a hatter now. (4)
17. Describes Avis, sometimes. (4)
19. Metallic quality? (5)
21. You've got one on your neck. (4)
22. Golf beginners, here please! (8)
23. Boxers do, with partners. (4)
24. Suspicion has them, planted, maybe. (5)

Down

1. I accost? No. (anag.). (6, 4)
2. A sharp fall? (4, 4)
3. South Sea stop for tourists. (4)
4. Ordered to Spain, often by children. (4)
5. I fit sense to an anagram. (9)
7. He went along with meadow mower. (3)
8. Trapped. (8)
11. Fresh time. (8)
12. Saint's opposite number. (6)
14. Big curtains to 3 Down, maybe. (5)
15. Talk. (5)
18. This added one tooth may mean painful time. (5)
20. Not [illegible] thoughtlessness. (4)



Yesterday's solution

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Dummy's Trump Loses Power

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE bidding in today's hand was aggressive, but the final contract was eminently reasonable. South should certainly expect to make his game in spades against anything less than inspired defence.

Unfortunately for South, the defence was inspired when the hand was played. West reasoned that dummy was quite short in hearts and that declarer would plan to ruff in the dummy. In order to limit dummy's ruffing power, West opened the ace of spades and continued with another spade.

Dummy held the second trick with the jack of spades, and declarer naturally returned the low heart from the dummy at the third trick. East now demonstrated that he could be as effective as his partner. He rose with the king of hearts holding the trick. This enabled him to lead a third trump, thus exhausting dummy's trumps.

Now South was limited to nine tricks. He could take four trump tricks, four diamonds, and a club, but that was all.

If East had failed to rise with the king of hearts, West would have been forced to win the first heart trick. West could not have returned a third trump, and South would have been able to ruff one heart in the dummy. This ruffing trick would have given him his contract.

NORTH 20
♠ Q J 6
♥ 7
♦ Q J 8 5
♣ A J 9 5 2

WEST
♠ A 2
♥ A J 8 4 3
♦ 10 6 4
♣ 8 6 3

EAST
♠ 7 5 4
♥ K 10 5
♦ 7 3 2
♣ K Q 10 4

SOUTH (D)
♠ K 10 9 8 3
♥ Q 9 6 2
♦ A K 9
♣ 7

East-West vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♠ A

♥♣ CARD Sense ♦♠

Q—The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1 Diamond	Pass	1 N.T.	Pass

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You, South, hold:
♠3 ♥A ♦A K J 10 7 4 ♣Q J 7 3 2
What do you do?

A—Bid three clubs. You are willing to reach game if partner has either a high club or the ace of spades.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠K 3 ♥A 5 ♦A K Q 10 4 ♣Q 7 3 2
What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

TARGET

T	O	S
Y	R	I
B	U	C

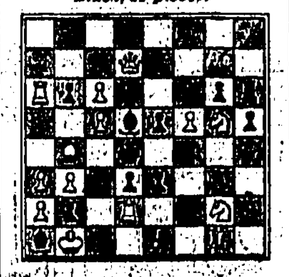
HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word *must* contain the large letter in the centre square, and there *must* be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 36 words, good; 40 words, *very good*; 49 words, *excellent*. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Acne acorn acrogen aeon anarch anchor ANCHORAGE anger angora arena argon ~~[illegible]~~ canoe carriage change cone conger corn cornea cran cranage crane crone earn ergon gone groan hang hangar hanger heron hone horn nacre nagor near ocean orager once, oner orange organ rance ranch rang range rehang roan.

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. FIATESI

Black, 11 pieces.



White, 13 pieces.

White to play: mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, K—K15, any; 2, Q, R (dbl ch), or K5 mates.

WOMANSENSE

Vegetables Cooked In French Style

A GOOD chef doesn't look down upon the humble spud, cabbage, the beet, the spinach. Instead he prepares them, even for the simplest service, with expert care.

In topflight French restaurants, chefs like to drop the prepared fresh vegetable into a small amount of sizzling butter, saute just enough to coat well with the butter and draw out the natural juices and flavour, then reduce the heat to just a glimmer, cover the cooking utensil and simmer until just tender.

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This method is also good for frozen vegetables. Usually, though, it is wise to defrost these for a few moments in a very small amount of boiling water before cooking.

Here are two recipes in which fresh vegetables are used.

Fresh Spinach and Shredded Beets is a dish with appeal.

To serve 8, heat oven to 325° F.

Cook 2 lb. fresh, washed spinach in covered saucepan without water, over low heat, until done. Chop fine.

Add 3 tbsp. butter, ½ tsp. each salt and sugar, ¼ tsp. black pepper, tsp. chopped onion and 2 well-beaten eggs.

Pack into buttered 8-in. ring mould. Set in pan of hot water. Bake 25 to 30 min. or until firm.

Unmould onto large plate. Fill centre with shredded beets.

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To prepare the beets cook 3 c. shredded raw beets in ¼ c. boiling water and ½ tsp. salt in covered saucepan until tender; about 6 min.

Add tbsp. each fresh lemon juice and butter or margarine.

Spoon into centre of spinach ring.

How about a nice salad making use of leftover green snap beans?

Chill and serve with a tangy vinaigrette dressing made from French dressing, sieved hard-cooked egg, minced onion, parsley and dill pickle.

Any sweet potato in the leftover line-up?

Mash and mix with a little salt, pepper, grated lemon rind and beaten egg. Shape into balls around a marshmallow. Roll in cornflakes, bake till brown.

—ALICE DENHOFF

TOP LEFT: From Emilio Pucci comes this one-piece coverall in pinwale corduroy. It is named for Emilio's niece, "Idanna," and features the Empire high-waisted line. In bright orange red, it has a turquoise topper trimmed with the same red to match. TOP RIGHT: This charming ensemble of jumper dress and ermine-collared cape jacket in velveteen was designed by Ronald Paterson for his five-year-old daughter, "Candice". BOTTOM LEFT: A sophisticated town coat in pinwale corduroy. Designed by Alberto Fabiani of Rome, it is named "Via Condotti." It is a sort of cocoa brown and beautifully cut so that the little draped cape collar is all in one piece with the coat, creating a graceful fold at the front shoulderline. BOTTOM RIGHT: This is a party dress in black crush-resistant velvet by Sybil Connolly, named "Deirdre". It boasts pleated insets of white Irish linen for a flattering bodice and skirt detail.

Couture Creations For The Small Fry

BY MARIAN RAHL

PRACTICALITY is the keynote of little-girl fashions, but this does not mean she must do without the influence of couture design. Recently, as a stimulus to the children's wear field, one of the largest manufacturers of velveteen, corduroy and velvet in America asked designers in England, Ireland, Scotland, France and Italy to do a group of clothes for little girls. These fashions have just been shown in New York City.

Generally, speaking, there is no ready-to-wear market for children's clothes in most of these countries, with the exception of England. There the market is quite good and has influenced small fry fashions for many years—and with royal children frequently setting the pace. The British designs are wonderfully classic and understated. In France and Italy, most of the work is done at home or by dressmakers. Small Paris houses show a Spanish influence in fine hand-made clothes for children at this time.

Party dresses in pale and black velvet and velveteen were the choice of a majority of these designers who specialise in fashions for adults. There are evidences of their individual styles; bits or Irish crochet touch a neckline, pleated Irish linen is set into a skirt in Sybil Connolly's contributions. From Scotland comes an authentic red clan plaid tartan with white blouse and black velvet jacket trimmed with gleaming silver buttons. Sophisticated black touched with ermine is shown by Ronald Paterson, who likes to design clothes for his five-year-old daughter. For a niece, Emilio Pucci employs a characteristic, unusual, gay combination of colours in one-piece coverall with a matching coat that can double for play or an at-home topper. Turquoise and an orange red are teamed.

While some of the fashions have an elegance of line, their fabrics couldn't be more practical for they include crush-resistant Lyons type velvet with a finish that makes it spot-resistant as well; washable pinwale corduroy and velveteen especially treated to require a minimum of care.

Seeking Laughter At A Child's Expense...

By GARRY C. MYERS, Ph.D.

DOWN through the ages, there's always someone who enjoys making fun of others. This type seeks pleasure at another's expense. He is trying to exalt his own ego, trying to make himself and others think he is important.

When we notice others laughing or exchanging smiles and we know we are the object of their mirth, we begin to feel very uncomfortable. For hours or days afterward we may wonder what foolish thing we have said or done. The cause of our discomfort probably reaches back to our early childhood when we were pained by being laughed at, perhaps by our own parents.

Embarrassed

The little child learning to talk and trying to learn more about the big world around him may make a remark or ask a question which arouses smiles or laughter. But suppose he had not meant it to be funny at all. What he said would not have amused an adult who understood this child and used enough imagination to put himself in the little one's place.

Laughed at by older persons, the youngster supposes he has done or said something wrong. He feels embarrassed, puzzled. After many such experiences he begins to censor his own questions and remarks.

Often he'll tell himself, "No, I must not ask that or say that or they will laugh at me." More and more he comes to suppose he is considered dull by people who ridicule him. Indeed, a favourite pastime of the older child at home is to make a younger brother or sister believe that what he has said is stupid. Also in the class, most of the laughter seems to be at what the pupils think are blunders or mistakes by a classmate who is reciting.

Innocent Remarks

Unwittingly a teacher will encourage such ridicule by making a sarcastic remark at the unfortunate child's expense.

Whether such laughter at a child's innocent remarks is made by a parent, teacher or other child, it is motivated by the same secret urge—to feel important, to get pleasure from giving another person pain.

In "A Parent's Prayer," I once wrote this for myself: "May I not vainly hurt the feelings of my children. Forbid that I should laugh at their mistakes or resort to shame and ridicule as punishment."

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

To prevent filling from soaking into a cake, sprinkle each layer with powdered sugar.

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For a hearty casserole, cook dried lima beans until they are tender. Then combine with diced, cooked ham and a well-seasoned cheese sauce. Bake in a moderate oven until browned on top.

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Bluing helps keep white clothes looking white, and also prevents black lingerie from acquiring a brownish tint.

Quick mending of any rips gives longer life to turkish towels. Use old towels for ironing board pads or for wrapping sweaters and other articles after washing.

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The bathroom mirror is less likely to steam over, if you first rub with soap and then polish it.

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To clean marble tops of tables, wash with mild soap or synthetic detergent and water. If desired, wax using either light paste or one of the light-bodied liquid waxes.

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Potatoes, carrots and other root vegetables retain more of their nutritive value if they are cooked in their jackets.

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To prevent old mahogany and walnut stains from "bleeding" through a new coat of enamel, sand the surface, wipe off the dust, then apply a thin coat of shellac. When it is dry, sand again, then apply an enamel undercoat before the final coat of enamel.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Yellow Pencil

—When He Was Old And Stubby He Got His Wish—

By MAX TRELL

ON cold winter evenings, Christopher Cricket would come out from between the two loose bricks at the edge of the fireplace where he was staying. For it was too cold outside and Christopher did not have the overcoat and muffler and earmuffs and heavy shoes that a creature needed to keep snug and warm.

Winter Lodging

The chink between the two loose bricks was just such a snug, warm place as Christopher wanted for a winter lodging. But in the evenings, as I said, he often came out to visit his friends and tell them a story.

Then Knarf and Hanid, the shadows, and Mr Punch and his wife, Judy, and General Tin, the Tin Soldier, and Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, and Mary Jane, the Rag Doll, and Hiawatha, the Wooden Indian Boy, would all gather about him.

On this particular evening, Knarf said: "Do you remember the story you told us, Christopher, about the Yellow Pencil? You told it to us once but Teddy and Mary Jane never heard it."

Nodded His Head

Christopher Cricket was nodding his head all the time Knarf said this and when Knarf finished he said he would be glad to tell the story again for Teddy and Mary Jane.

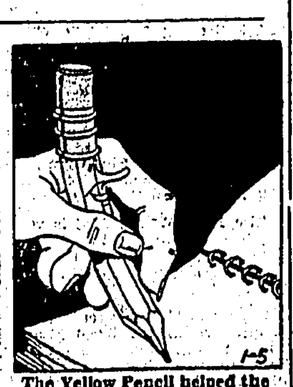
This is it.

"Well," said Christopher, "this Yellow Pencil belonged to an artist. It was tall and straight and its jacket was yellow-bright. The artist used to keep it on his desk along with a lot of other pencils and crayons of different sizes and shapes and colours. But the artist loved the Yellow Pencil best of all. Every now and then, the artist would take the Yellow Pencil and go out into the country. Then he would take out the Yellow Pencil and draw a cow or a dog or a bird flying or a daisy.

"And sometimes," said Christopher, "the artist would draw clouds and chimneys and old barns and brooks that went winding in and out among the patches of sunlight in the forest. An now and then, the artist would look down and draw his own shoes. And in all these things, the Yellow Pencil helped the artist as much as he possibly could.

"He made thick lines and thin lines and straight lines and crooked lines and lines that made you think of water and lines that made you think of old, moss-covered walls.

"But there was one thing that the Yellow Pencil never drew. He never drew a picture of a Yellow Pencil. He made pictures of everything else, but he himself was never a part of the picture.



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Old And Stubby

"And then one day, the Yellow Pencil, who was now old and stubby and almost worn away, was left lying under a fence at the edge of a lovely meadow. But the Yellow Pencil wasn't sad. And do you know why?"

It was Teddy and Mary Jane who asked Christopher Cricket to tell them why.

"Because," said Christopher Cricket, "the next time the artist went to the country and stood at the edge of the meadow and made a picture, with a brown pencil this time, the Yellow Pencil was part of that picture! And so, at last, he had his wish. The artist finally drew a picture with him in it!"

Rupert and the Gold Acorn—36

The young Lord Philip will not let Rupert go until he has given him a present. "Here is a token for you," he says. "A wooden acorn. I carved it myself from a piece of wood. Will serve to remind you of me until you visit us again." Putting on his scarf

Rupert pockets the gift gratefully. They he bids farewell to his good friends and is led outside, where he is lifted on to another horse with the earl's own squire. At last in the gathering twilight they canter off, while the others wave goodbye.

FAST TIMES LIKELY AT COLONY ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS?

By "RECORDER"

The second half of the Colony Championships programme will take place at the new Government Stadium at Sookunpoo this coming Sunday and this will be the first time that the track and field conditions there come under test.

The general theory is that it takes two years for a new cinder track to settle down and allow fast times and there has been some criticism of the Olympic preparations at Melbourne on this score.

Climatic conditions in Hongkong are very different from that of the rest of the world, but the track is coming into use after what has been a fairly long dry season and if it is loose on top as a result it will slow down performances.

However, the effect of recent weather on the Sookunpoo cinder track should not be dissimilar to its effect on the Boundary Street track, which has recently been turning out fast performances. Notable are a Mile in 4:27.4, a Half Mile relay leg in 2:01.1 and a Quarter Mile relay leg of under 53 minutes by Keith Burch.

These are much faster times than Boundary Street has registered in past years, but the argument may be advanced that the Boundary Street cinder track is finally beginning to settle down. If that is so, we may expect the Sookunpoo track to be slower.

It is noteworthy that times at Boundary Street up to the season before last were remarkably slow in comparison not only to times returned at Pokfulam or the Army ground grass track at Sookunpoo, but comparatively slower even to times returned at Caroline Hill.

Such outstanding runners as T. E. Williams, "Paddy" MacMahon and Norman Lo were always a second slower in the Quarter and several seconds slower in the Half at Boundary Street than elsewhere previous to last year.

BETTER LAST YEAR

Better performances were returned at Boundary Street in 1955, but it is noticeable that Michael Sweeney had the greatest of difficulty in beating 53 seconds there for the Quarter and managed it, in peak form, only once on a relay leg.

He had no difficulty in running the 400 Metres in 51.4 seconds at Caroline Hill, without any opposition, and 52.2 for the 440 Yards at Pokfulam within weeks of his Boundary Street efforts.

Until Keith Burch's 2:01.4 last year, no one had run faster at Boundary Street than 2:00.0 for the Half. The same runners were managing 2:04 and 2:05 on other tracks. This year Peter Boorman is reported to have run close to 2:02 on a relay leg there last Friday in the Minor Unit Championships.

Now Burch and Boorman are undoubtedly two of the fastest Half Milers we have ever seen in Hongkong. However, MacMahon and Lee Shu-chung at their best were not too far off their class but the early Boundary Street track never agreed with them.

So it is not unlikely that the new Government Stadium track at Sookunpoo may prove disappointing on Sunday. On the other hand, if it was laid on more modern principles — and much more is known about track-laying than was known only three or four years ago—it may be exceptionally fast. For the sake of some of the keenest runners who have ever raced in Hongkong, let's hope so.

The same heat and humidity as seen last Sunday should ruin Bob Pape's chances of a new 5,000 Metres record, but this does not affect shorter races as much and we could see new Colony records in the 800 and 1,500 Metres.

ADVANTAGEOUS

The Sookunpoo track is 503 yards round, which makes marking for staggered starts, relay changeover corridors, etc. difficult. The problem has been solved, we understand, with permanent markings. The length of the track should in itself make for faster performances. It is notable that 500-metre tracks at Milan, Cologne and Budapest have produced some of the fastest times in races of distances between 400 and 1,500 Metres and the comparatively higher standard in Quarter-Milling in America than elsewhere is largely explained by the fact that many tracks there are 660 yards round.

A longer track means less sharp turning, which helps speed. It will be interesting to see what the layout is for the 200 Metres Dash route. If this is only around what is in track parlance known as a "half turn", the furlong sprints will be taking (we assume) off a second off their best without much difficulty, though of course nobody will count any Stephen Xavier's 21.9 seconds around a full turn at Caroline Hill.

Xavier's great advantage as a 200 Metres specialist was his short stride which made running around a turn comparatively easier for him than for the long striding sprinter. It may be recollected how on the old Caroline Hill track, with its needle sharp turns, the long-striding Nigerian in the RAF, Alexander Ajayi Alapini, used to pull out of lane in an endeavour to keep up with the fast-turning Xavier.

GOOD FOR JULIA

A "half turn" 200 Metres will put long-striding Julia Tingay at an advantage over Ho May-yee and Lam Kak-lan in the Ladies' 200 Metres final. Even on a sharp turn I would not discount the possibilities of Julia regaining the 200 Metres title she won in 1951 at Caroline Hill at the age of 14.

Neither Ho May-yee nor Lam Kak-lan are anywhere near their form of 1954 and 1955. If Julia isn't trained to peak form either, it is remarkable that she isn't slower over 100 Metres than she was as a schoolgirl. In her first attempt over 200 Metres this season she may well find that she is running faster than ever.

The men's 200 Metres Dash final looks like developing into a three-way struggle between Hung Chee-kee, Tsui Kam-fai and R. Williams, but the other three finalists are not to be discounted as being incapable of a place among the medals.

I feel, for a certainty, that Fung Kat-lee, Tomlinson and Mowll can run faster over this distance than they ran in the heats. Tomlinson has the build to take advantage of a "half turn". One or two of the field should go under 23 seconds with the last man, unless he pulls out, almost certain of 23.6.

The 100 Metres Dash final should be a largely Williams-Tsui Kam-fai-Hung Chee-kee battle with Tomlinson not unlikely to break into the first three.

The 400 Metres final is quite open between Bailey and Boorman, though Boorman should hold the edge unless he overtaxes himself in the 800 Metres final in the morning.

The 800 Metres is almost certain to see a new Colony record. This is likeliest if Burch can run the first 400 Metres in 58 or 58.5 seconds.

LOT OF DIFFERENCE

Though Burch was a good two seconds ahead of Boorman last Sunday and Boorman looked rather unhappy at the finish, a week's rest may make a lot of difference and a blanket finish under two minutes.

Third place is open, but I would fancy Keith Martin against Peter Alderton and Peter Randles, with no 400 Metres final to worry about, should be a strong contender.

Peat is not to be discounted as another challenger, but it appears that Lee Shu-chung is going to concentrate on the 400 Metres Hurdles final.

The 1,500 Metres final is very much a one-man affair with a great struggle for second between Alderton, Martin and Peat.

Pape and Tulloh should make it one-two in the 5,000 Metres with Smith, Joyce and Chan Hung-man racing out third place. Not to be disregarded as possible medallists are Chan Kim-hung, Au Chung-sing and Whittle.

The 110 Metres High Hurdles is very open between Chang Yat-hung, Harvey, Woodward and Victor Lai. The Colony record of 15.5 seconds might go.

The 400 Metres Hurdles could well see a Colony record from Lee Shu-chung, helped along by the 503-yard track, which should also suit Samuel Lo. Leung Kam-ching and Cheung Chek-yin should be well in the race and it will be interesting to watch what University's Chan Leong-chye can do. He has what is required of a low hurdler, but lacks experience.

The field events have been thoroughly discussed here before and no startling upsets are likely, except that Jackson's experience of a breaking pole under him last Sunday may have shaken him up more than expected, in which case Bill Tan may win Pole Vault.

The programme for Sunday is as follows:

THE PROGRAMME

10.30 a.m. High Jump
41 Chan Sing-yee (SCAA), 53 Ng Chuan-wai (HKUAC), 54 Chan Leong-chye (HKUAC), 55 Siu Man-hei (HKUAC), 56 Chen Foo-yan (HKUAC), 57 Victor Lai (HKUAC), 103 2/Lt Jackman (RA), 100 Cfn Jackson (REME).

10.30 a.m. Ladies' Long Jump
120 Fong Sik (SCAA), 123 Ng Shuet-kwai (SCAA), 125 Chung Po-ling (Ho Tung School).

10.50 a.m. Javelin Throw
141 C.M. Brand (RASC), 96 2/Lt M.J. Pagan (RA), 55 R. Commins (RE), 110 Cpl Brown (7 Hussars), 40 Chan Lap-fong (SCAA), 09 McKeown (RAF).

11.05 a.m. 800 Metres
1 Lt K. Burch (Essex), 24 2/Lt P.W. Boorman (RA), 63 K. Martin (RAF), 6 Sgt B. Day (Essex), 73 S.E. Peat (N. Staffs), 9 Lt P.J.R. Alderton (Essex), 68 P.N. Randles (RAF), 27 Lee Shu-chung (SCAA).

11.10 a.m. One Mile Race Walk
17 S. McDermott (King's Own), 63 G.S. Kennedy Skipton (EYMCA), 64 Yu Man-wing (Yan Pak School), 80 Tan Chiu (unatt.).

11.15 a.m. Hop, Step & Jump
53 Ng Chuan-wai (HKUAC), 47 Lee Yu-man (SCAA), 94 A.K. Ismail (unatt.), 99 Bill Tan (HKUAC).

11.20 a.m. 400 Metres Low Hurdles
27 Lee Shu-chung (SCAA), 32 Cheung Chek-yin (SCAA), 33 Leung Kam-ching (SCAA), 42 Ng Tseng-cheung (SCAA), 54 Chan Leong-chye (HKUAC), 110 Samuel Lo (HKAAC).

11.30 a.m. 200 Metres
29 Hung Chee-kee (SCAA), 30 Tsui Kam-fai (SCAA), 78 R. Williams (N. Staffs), 51 Fung Kat-lee (HKUAC), 96 2/Lt. R. Mowll (RA), 143 T. H. Tomlinson (HKAAC).

2 p.m. 100 Metres Dash
78 R. Williams (N. Staffs), 30 Tsui Kam-fai (SCAA), 29 Hung Chee-kee (SCAA), 142 T.H. Tomlinson (HKAAC), 97 Gnr Transom (RA), 100 2/Lt Govier (RA).

2.10 p.m. Ladies' 100 Metres
122 Ho May-yee (SCAA), 121 Lam Kak-lan (SCAA), 123 Ng Shuet-kwai (SCAA), 125 Chung Po-ling (Ho Tung School).

2.10 p.m. Long Jump
53 Ng Chuan-wai (HKUAC), 29 Hung Chee-kee (SCAA), 94 A.K. Ismail (unatt.), 48 Chow Yik-yam (SCAA), 99 Bill Tan (HKUAC), 109 Ma Shiu-kit (unatt.).

2.20 p.m. Ladies' High Jump
124 Fung May-may (SCAA), 120 Corin Crozier (HKUAC), 127 Julia Tingay (HKAAC), 148 Keung Pui-yee (Pui Kiu), 150 Kong Nai-yee (Pui Kiu).

2.25 p.m. 400 Metres Run
79 T. Bailey (N. Staffs), 24 2/Lt P.W. Boorman (RA), 9 Cpl T. Brown (Essex), 98 2/Lt M.J. Pagan (RA), 33 Leung Kam-po (SCAA), 100 2/Lt R.H.E. Duffet (RA).

2.30 p.m. 1,500 Metres
1 Lt K. Burch (Essex), 2 Lt P.J.R. Alderton (Essex), 10 Sgt B. Day (Essex), 16 M. Taylor (Army AA), 20 L/Cpl D. Swainson (King's Own), 61 M.H.E. Bowyer (Army AA), 65 K. Martin (RAF), 67 T. Davis (RAF), 73 S.E. Peat (N. Staffs), 84 M. Keough (RE), 98 2/Lt M.J. Pagan (RA).

2.40 p.m. 110 Metres High Hurdles
26 Chang Yat-hung (SCAA), 76 J. Harvey (N. Staffs), 159 2/Lt R.D.A. Woodward (RA), 57 Victor Lai (HKUAC), 35 Leung Kam-ching (SCAA).

2.40 p.m. Shot Put
11 Cpl R. Boatwright (Essex), 44 Lee Shiu-lok (SCAA), 37 Chan Wai-lun (SCAA), 16 D.M. Irving (RAF), 8 RSM P. McGeever (Essex), 5 Sgt B. Kiernan (Essex).

2.40 p.m. Pole Vault
10 Cpl Shadwell (Essex), 59 Bill Tan (HKUAC), 100 Cfn Jackson (REME), 151 Kee Wen-lung (Pui Kiu).

2.45 p.m. Ladies' 200 Metres
121 Lam Kak-lan (SCAA), 123 Ho May-yee (SCAA), 125 Chung Po-ling (Ho Tung School), 127 Julia Tingay (HKAAC), 129 Valerie Souza (HKAAC).

2.50 p.m. 5,000 Metres
23 A.L. Smith (King's Own), 28 Lee Kam-hung (SCAA), 62 R.H. Pape (RNAAA), 70 M.B.S. Tulloh (RA), 71 Sgt J.D. Anderson (R. Signals), 72 J.F. Joyce (N. Staffs), 81 D.A. Maiden (RNAAA), 84 M. Keough (RE), 92 2/Lt F. Hill (Essex), 93 P. Springett (unatt.), 99 L/Bdr Brooke (RA), 107 Cfn Ellis (REME), 108 Cfn Hodkinson (REME), 30 Chan King-yin (SCAA), 34 Chan Kim-hung (SCAA), 45 Chan Hung-man (SCAA), 49 Au Chung-sing (SCAA), 111 Gnr H.C. Whittle (RA).

3.10 p.m. 400 Metres Relay
South China AA, Army.

3.20 p.m. Ladies' 440 Metres Relay
South China AA, Ho Tung School, Hongkong AAC, Pui Kiu School.

3.30 p.m. 1,600 Metres Relay
South China AA, Army.

4 p.m. Presentation of prizes.

International Tennis Results

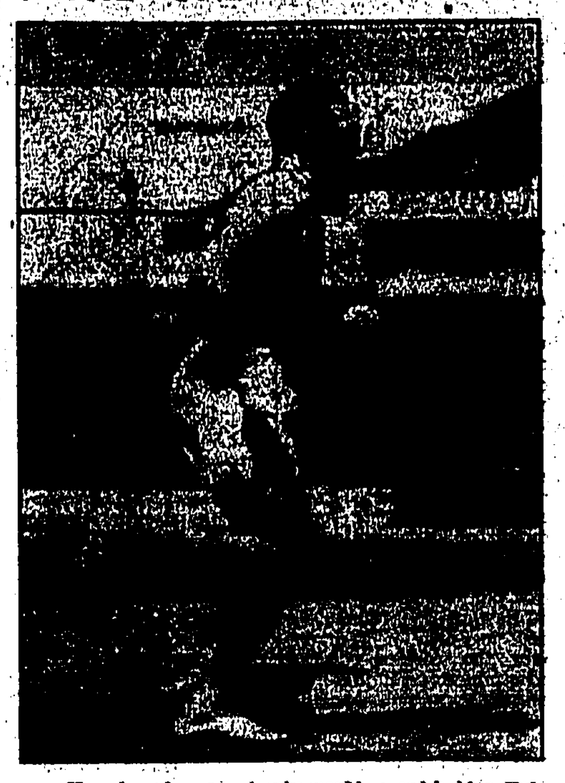
Alexandria, Egypt, Mar. 19.

Today's results in the international tennis championships tournament here:

Fred Kovalaski, USA, beat Orlando Sirola, Italy, 6-3, 6-3. Bob Perry, USA, beat Roger Becker, Britain, 7-5, 6-1. Lew Hoad, Australia, beat Rolf Poettinger, Germany, 7-5, 6-2. Sven Davidson, Sweden, beat F. Tuetta, Egypt, 6-4, 6-1. Torsten Johansson, Sweden, beat Donald Acobas, Egypt, 6-4, 7-5. Bernard Destremau, France, beat Mohamed Khalil, Egypt, 6-4, 6-2.

In the women's singles, Mrs Jennifer Hoad, Australia, beat Mrs Suzanne Mathieu, Egypt, 6-0, 6-4.—(United Press).

THE ONE AND ONLY



Hongkong's one and only world record-holder, Bob Pape, in action in the Colony 10,000 Metres Championship race at Caroline Hill last Sunday. Bob Pope will be seen in action again this coming Sunday over 5,000 Metres.

While spectators will still see him outdistance and lap most of the opposition, they can't expect very much more from him as the 5,000 Metres for Bob Pape is purely a sprint race. He is much happier over 20 and 30 Miles.—China Mail Photo.

HOST OF BACKERS ON FRISKY SCOT FOR LINCOLNSHIRE H'CAP

London, Mar. 19.

Frisky Scot, a lightly weighed four-year-old colt, had a host of backers for Wednesday's Lincolnshire Handicap at tonight's Victoria Club callover here.

Support to win £16,000 sterling brought Frisky Scot's odds tumbling from 20-1 to clear second favouritism at 100-7.

The colt, from the prolific winning stable of Captain Charles Elsey of Yorkshire, is to be ridden by Eddie Hide.

The favourite, Kenmore, and Turks Blood were both backed to win about £9,000 sterling, their odds shortening to 10-1 and 100-6 respectively.

Among the long shots Phlox, Milonga and Minterne Magna had most admirers.

Odds against Quare Times for the Grand National continue to fluctuate. Although he became a clear favourite again at 9-1 he had no backers.

No up-to-date news about last year's winner could be obtained as trainer Vincent O'Brien was not available tonight.

Heavy support for Must featured Grand National betting. The eight-year-old exhunter was backed to win nearly £10,000 sterling and closed 100-8. Joint second favourite with Sundew and the Royal Hope, Devon Loch.

LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP

Closing offers were (Lincolnshire Handicap over one mile at Lincoln on Wednesday):

10 to 1—Kenmore.
100—7 Frisky Scot.
100—6 Turk's Blood, River Line and Loppylugs.
20—1 Trouville.
25—1 Minterne Magna.
33—1 Tudor Jinks, Retrial, Nicholas, Nickleby, Flying William, Solon Morn, Don Basilio and Phlox.
40—1 Redway, Milonga, Tale Of Two Cities, Agrangi, Blackshore, High River, Underwear and Sir Jasper.
50—1 Cardillac, Ciro, Affreux, Nimblefoot, Fellhound, Estrigon.
66—1 New Home, Salute and Denikin.
100—1 Upwards Others.

GRAND NATIONAL

Grand National (over four miles 236 yards at Aintree, next Saturday):

9—1 Quare Times.
100—6 Sundew, Devon Loch and Must.
100—6 ESB.
16—1 Armorial.
20—1 Pippykin.
25 — 1 High Guard and Carens Cottage.
25 — 1 Gentle Moya and Early Mist.
28 — 1 Key Royal, Merry Windsor and Mariner's Log.
40 — 1 Royal Tan and Ontray.
50 — 1 No Response.
66 — 1 Upwards Others.—Reuter.

Schools' Badminton

Ma & Wong Carry Off Senior Doubles Crown

The hard-hitting and clever combination of Wong Wai-hong and George Ma trounced Cyril J. Chan and S. K. Wong in straight sets, 15-0 15-11, to win the Senior Boys' Badminton Doubles title on Sunday.

George Ma, who recently carried off all three titles at the Colony Junior Championships, and his equally strong partner, kept up a ceaseless attack throughout the match and were deserved winners.

Diana Yung of Sacred Heart School had little difficulty in annexing the Senior Girls' crown. She beat Winnie Chan, also of Sacred Heart, in two sets, 11-4, 11-2.

The results:

Senior Boys' Doubles Final
Wong Wai-hung (SBC) and George Ma (FC) beat Cyril J. Chan (WYHK) and S. K. Wong (KC) 15-0, 15-11.
Intermediate Boys' Doubles Final
Leong Chi-lun and Wong Kai-lam (SP Co-ed) beat Ng Chi-wing and Ng Chi-reung (KC) 15-8, 15-8.
Junior Boys' Singles Final
Fei Tai-hung (True Light) beat Wong Kai-fung (SP Co-ed) 11-5, 11-3.
Schoolgirls' Singles Final
Diana Yung (SHS) beat Winnie Chan (SHS) 11-4, 11-2.
Schoolgirls' Doubles Final
Diana Yung (SHS) and Y. Y. Chan (SH) beat Winnie Chan and Lillian Wu (SHS) 15-12, 15-1.
Mixed Doubles
Y. Y. Chan and Cyril J. Chan beat Diana Yung and George Ma 15-11 15-10.

JAMES PARK REPORTS FROM FRANCE

Boussac's Apollonia Makes Others Look So Modest

Paris.

After a quiet period the Boussac challenge will be a strong one this year. That is what it looks like—on paper. Former riding maestro Charlie Elliott was responsible for most of the £63,000 that enabled M. Marcel Boussac to top the list of winning owners in France last season as he has done so often in the past.

It is not surprising that 1956 hopes should be soaring. On the official estimate, the filly, Apollonia, was the best two-year-old of her year irrespective of sex. Second came the colt, Phillius.

In the early ante-post market Apollonia is a dominating favourite for the 1000 Guineas and the Oaks. Phillius, if not quite so outstanding, is first choice for the 2000 Guineas and the Derby.

Elliott, whom I have known since he was a small apprentice, is a phlegmatic individual—but when he gets on the subject of Apollonia he becomes quite enthusiastic—for him.

Quite early last season he told M. Boussac that the filly was one of the best he had ever bred. "She won't be beaten this year," said Charlie. He was right.

Even the trainer does not know how good Apollonia may be. She has never been asked to accomplish the impossible at home but every time she has been asked to do anything the answer has been forthcoming in exactly the same manner.

A SHOCK

The one occasion when Elliott got something of a shock was when the filly made her third and last appearance as a two-year-old. The race was the Grand Criterium, over a mile at Long-champ, the most coveted two-year-old race of the year in France.

Phillius was also started and, without being in any way regarded as a pacemaker, he was allowed to stride along from the start.

The apprentice, Serge Boullenger, who is the Boussac jockey in France, settled down on the inside on Apollonia. One after another went past him on the outside and despite his long experience. I imagine Elliott's heart began to beat a bit faster when he saw the filly last of all as the field made for the straight.

"Phillius was then a clear leader," said Elliott. "Apollonia must have been eight lengths behind." It was not until they had turned for home that Boullenger was able to pull to the outside of everything.

Once he had the filly balanced, she simply flew over the ground. She passed one after the other and, catching Phillius inside the last furlong, virtually beat him in a canter.

Everybody was full of praise for an astonishing performance. Not so Charlie Elliott. He was quaking in his shoes. As a rider he knew what many of the others did not know.

OPTIMISTIC

While they were congratulating the owner and telling him Apollonia might be the best filly he had ever bred, the trainer was thinking about the future. Had that tremendous effort taken more out of her than could be replaced? The answer will be forthcoming this season.

I think I can say Elliott is optimistic. Outwardly the filly does not appear to have come to any harm. She ate up after the race and has continued to thrive. The real test will come when she goes into strong work.

The trainer might have been a bit wiser had there been a normal February but conditions have been more severe in France than in England. The stable lads even had to have their faces greased to prevent frostbite.

Elliott has no straw bed on which to exercise his horses in frosty weather.

The sand gallops in the forest were frozen but, despite conditions such as even the veteran Dick Carver could not recall, there were only four occasions during the month when the horses could not leave their boxes.

I did not visit the stable last March so I was having my first look at Apollonia. What a lovely filly she is. There are some who might call her light boned. But she is of such texture as all breeders strive after.

A brown filly, who looks to me just under 16 hands, she is as near perfection in most respects as one could wish for. She has grown a little since her two-year-old days, has put on weight where it was most required and is full of quality.

Just as important, she has a beautiful temperament and bounds over the ground with an elasticity of movement that has to be seen to be believed. In short, it is her wonderful action which makes the others look so moderate.

We saw Midget II run away from our fillies in the Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket last autumn. It so happened that Midget II was in the field on each occasion Apollonia ran.

Midget II never got within half of her rival and Apollonia's margin varied from two and three-quarter lengths to more than five lengths.

NO SLOUCH

It is unusual to find fillies dominating the two-year-old situation as they did in Europe in 1955. It was the same in England, France, Ireland and Italy.

The English champion, Star of India and the Irish champion, Sarissa, have no concern with the classic races but Apollonia is in the 1000 Guineas and Oaks, and the Italian filly, Barbara Sirani, is in the Oaks and St Leger. Make no mistake, Barbara Sirani is no slouch.

I had hoped to be able to tell of the plans that have been made for Apollonia during her three-year-old career. It has still to be decided between the owner, trainer, and the stable manager, Comte de Brignac.

All that is known at present is that Apollonia will have a race just to hearten her up in the first half of April. After that, choice has to be made between the English and French 1000 Guineas and the English and French Oaks. After that there is the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot. Then come the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot in July, the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot in September, and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

BRILLIANT

So far M. Boussac has not made up his mind. I can well imagine he will be in no hurry until the filly has had a race. It is not even known whether she will stay a mile and a half.

I shall be surprised if she does not, seeing that she is by Djebel out of Corejada, who won the French 1000 Guineas and Irish Oaks.

It is a typical Boussac pedigree, as Tourbillon is the sire of Djebel, and Pharis is the sire of Corejada. Apollonia is inbred to Tourbillon, who was responsible for Tourzima, the dam of Corejada.

That is quite in order and not so close as some of M. Boussac's other breeding experiments. Some of them have produced a brilliant result, and it will be of interest to see whether Apollonia proves the best of them all. She could well be.

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Mr Linnett Will Not Run At Aintree

Dublin, Mar. 19.

Mr Linnett, one of the Irish-trained contingent, will not run in the Grand National at Aintree, Liverpool, on Saturday.

He rapped himself at work and his trainer, Charley Rogers, decided after a veterinary examination that it would be impossible to run him.—China Mail Special.

FANLING GOLF

W. D. Leighton won the monthly Medal golf competition played over the New Course at Fanling during the week-end with a return of 73—5=Nett 68. D. L. Anderson (74—3=71) and E. W. D. Gore (89—18=71) were joint runners-up and G. C. D. Carter (scratch) was in third place with Nett 72.

The Old Course monthly Medal was won by Captain D. A. Kennedy with 77—5=Nett 72. Major P. V. Huyshe (78—5=73) and Captain M. W. Jenkins (78—5=73) were in second place on this Course and W. N. Gray (7) third, with Nett 74.

A Four-ball against Bogey was played over the Old Course on Sunday afternoon, the winners being A. E. Elliott and E. C. Drown with a "better-ball" return of four up against Bogey after being two down at the end of the first nine holes. Runners-up in this competition were W. L. T. Crunden and T. N. Leigh-Bennett with three up.

Cards showing one up against Bogey were returned by the following pairs:

D. L. Anderson/W. D. Leighton, W. N. Gray/A. F. Sutcliffe, J. Dickson-Leach/H. B. Cheney, C. H. T. Suen/W. Y. K. Eu, and P. R. Zeeman/G. H. P. Pritchard.

PRIZE PRESENTATION

Members of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club are reminded of the prize presentation scheduled to take place at Deep Water Bay on Saturday evening. Those who intend to play in the mixed Foursome competition in the afternoon should notify the office (Telephone 32340-23348) as early as possible to enable starting arrangements to be made. Matches may be arranged but the office should be advised of arrangements when entries are being made.

The following handicap revisions have recently been released:

E. M. Wiseley 6, F. C. Braddel 13, F. R. Zimmern 14, J. J. Robson 23, G. E. Parrott 21, Dr W. To 24, J. M. Lilley 24.

LADIES' SECTION

At a brief ceremony at Fanling on Tuesday, March 13, Mrs L. Goldman, Captain of the Ladies' Section last year, presented trophies to Mrs E. M. Wiseley and Mrs E. W. Brooks, respectively, winner and runner-up in the 1955 Captain's Cup competition. Mrs L. Goldman's early departure from the Colony necessitated this special presentation.

Mrs J. Connell Brown, the present Captain, wished Mrs Goldman a pleasant trip and a happy holiday.

Mrs Connell Brown then presented a prize for the October Stableford competition to Mrs W. P. Birtwhistle who is also proceeding on Home Leave before the date of the annual prize presentation.

The final for the Ladies' Section Bronze Championship was played at Fanling on Wednesday, March 14 between Mrs W. C. Hung and Mrs E. M. Wiseley and won by the last named by 3 and 1 after a keen match.

Semi-finalists in this competition were: Mrs W. C. Hung, Mrs E. M. Wiseley, Mrs G. W. Vaughn and Mrs N. O. Sprunger.

LADIES' FOURSOMES

The final of this knock-out competition was played over the New Course on Friday, March 16, and resulted in a victory for Mrs J. H. McCann and Mrs J. F. Shoemaker over Mrs J. D. Clague and Mrs F. C. B. Black.

BOXING

By Harold Mayes

A Dream Fight

Patience is a virtue which all boxing promoters do not have. Some of them are prepared to wait a long time for the match they regard as a real winner.

Johnny Best, the man who through his weekly Liverpool Stadium shows is Britain's talent provider-in-chief, is just one step away from his dream fight.

Yes, I know he's had a few, but if the British and Empire Middleweight title contest, featuring Champion Pat McAteer and challenger Billy Ellaway, turns up, it should be Merseyside's biggest-ever attraction.

● RECORD GATE

That's why Johnny has bid £2,000 for the final eliminator between Ellaway and Londoner Lew Lazar. He will stage this on April 12. He knows that if Ellaway qualifies, Anfield football ground's fight record of 36,000 at the Peter Kane-Jackie Jurich fight in 1938 is bound to be shattered.

Where does patience come into that? Many times over the last two years Johnny Best has always resisted the efforts of those who have tried to bring McAteer and Ellaway together. Now, with a lot of money at stake, he has just over five weeks to wait to see whether his gamble pays off.

● HUMDINGER

Morrie Jaye felt that a clash between the Rochdale thunderbolt Johnny Butterworth and Dartford boiler-maker Lightweight Dave Charnley would provide slam-bang entertainment.

He had it slated for December. Charnley pulled out with a damaged hand. Now they meet over ten rounds at Seymour Hall, London. It looks a real humdinger.

Bedworth blond Les Allen and Norwood's Johnny Read are rated just behind the Ellaway-Lazar-Sullivan trio in the British Middleweight stakes.

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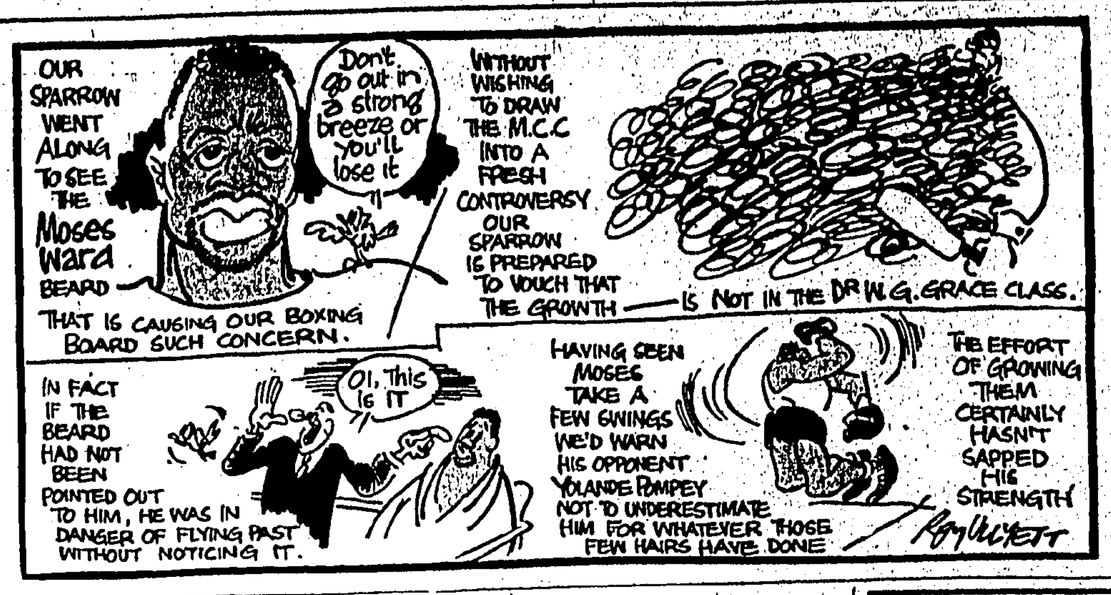

LOOKING AT SPORT

Yolande Pompey Can Improve Against Moore—He Must

Says DENNIS HART

A boxer's place is in the ring—especially if he is a boxer who relies on the big punch.

Witness the fistic fortunes of Yolande Pompey. A wicked left hook has taken Pompey to within one fight of the World Cruiserweight title, and made him one of the most popular boxers in Britain.

But so adept has Champion Archie Moore been in stalling Pompey that the Trinidadian had an enforced lay-off of six months. This at the height of the boxing season. Last Tuesday he returned to the ring to take on American Moses Ward.

Unranked as a cruiserweight or a middleweight Ward is just an overblown welter. All he had to offer was the ability to spoil; a tough head and a beard. But cumbersome and ring-rusty Pompey took seven rounds to dispose of Mr Ward and brought forth the slow hand-clap from the crowd who have cheered so many of his victories.

Not much of an outlook for Britain's only immediate World Championship prospect.

BITTERLY DISAPPOINTED

Pompey himself was bitterly disappointed with his showing. He showed me two bruised hands, one injured in training, the other in the fight. These explained his performance. They do not excuse it.

Pompey spent most of the fight landing clumsy swings on Ward's head and elbows. No wonder he hurt his hands. Ward was on the ropes for at least three-quarters of the bout but hardly ever did Pompey try to straighten his man with a left before going for the kill. Nor did he try to vary his attack by aiming at the body.

But I do not accept this form as a line on the Pompey-Moore world title fight (should it ever happen that is, latest date—June 5).

Pompey will have at least one more fight before then and will be all the better for it. And in Moore he will be up against a man who will come at him, just the sort of opponent left-hooker Pompey likes.

But he must take his openings quicker, and make more use of them.

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Britain's cruiserweight prospects of the slightly more distant future, Ron Barton, also paraded himself at Harringay that Tuesday.

The "prospect" won the British title, stopping Albert Finch in eight rounds. But he is Champion in name rather than in class. After 22 professional fights Barton still has much to learn. Fortunately for British boxing, none realises this better than Barton. He has no "I'll tackle the world" plans—at the moment.

One boxing fundamental he must master is to keep his wits about him when things aren't going too well. Against Finch Barton looked a world beater for three rounds as he measured his man with lefts—one that hurts too, not just token prods—and sunk home rights.

UNGAINLY PUNCHES

Then Finch rallied and Barton had no answer. He was rattled, stood in all sorts of ungainly poses, throwing all sorts of ungainly punches to keep the skilful but not hard-punching Finch at bay.

The result was that in the fourth round a soft right caught Barton completely off balance and had him see-sawed across the middle rope within a fraction of an inch of toppling head-first out of the ring—and out of the Championship.

Barton then lost all composure and was later twice dumped most unceremoniously on the canvas by wild left swings when Finch was trying desperately for a quick finish after his eye had been gashed.

That cut eye shortened the fight by half. That may have been unfortunate for Barton. Had it gone the distance he could have learned twice as much.—London Express Service.

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Birmingham City 11-8 Favourite To Win FA Cup

London, Mar. 19.

Birmingham City, the Midlands club, were made 11-8 on favourites to win the English Football Association Cup when bookmakers met at the Victoria Club here tonight.

Birmingham, who have never won the coveted trophy, meet Manchester City in the final at Wembley on May 5.

The Manchester club, beaten finalists last year, have won the Cup twice in their history.—China Mail Special.

BAM President

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 19.

The Badminton Association of Malaya, at its annual general meeting, re-elected Mr Heah Joo Seang as President.

The report shows the Association received M$21,000 as its share of the profits from the proceeds of the Thomas Cup games last year.—United Press.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Soccer

FARELF Football final Police Ground, Boundary Street 3 p.m.

Racing

Entries close for Ninth Race Meeting (Easter).

TOMORROW

Soccer

Mohun Bagan v Combined Chinese (HK Stadium) 5.30 p.m.

Badminton

Colony Senior Badminton Championship at HRC, 8 p.m.

By YOUR LEAVE

Barry Ward is on National Service, but when he has a week end pass from REME he turned out for his club Hill Rovers in the Sutton (Birmingham) League. The opposition was unbeaten Minworth, but Barry Ward scored three times in the first five minutes and his team won 9-1.

Welsh Amateur May Turn Pro With Third Division Leyton Orient

By JAMES CONNOLLY

Phil Woosnam, Welsh amateur international inside-right, may join, in July, the long list of amateur stars who turned professional with Third Division Leyton Orient.

The list includes Vic Groves and Stan Charlton, sold to Arsenal for £30,000 this year, Ron Heckman, wanted by Wolves and West Bromwich and worth £15,000, Phil White, Ken Facey, and Len Julians.

Woosnam, a lieutenant in the Royal Artillery, finishes his Army service in July.

Many First Division clubs have watched him this year. He has great natural ability, a quick football brain, and the qualities to make that much sought-after player, the inside-forward "general".

In full training his value would rocket to £20,000.

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Reading manager Harry Johnston served Blackpool for nearly 21 years and became one of the greatest modern soccer skippers.

Nor surprising when Harry looked for a star team to play a floodlight match at Reading he turned to Blackpool.

Blackpool were willing to play—but they wanted a match fee of £1,000, nearly as much as Reading could expect from the gate.

BENEFIT GAME

Contrast with Portsmouth. They play a benefit game for George Hardwick, the Oldham player manager, on an "expenses only" basis, because they always admired the old England back as a player.

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Money talks? Not always. West Bromwich turned down Sunderland's £18,000 bid for international Johnny Nicholls and Villa's five figure offer for Billy Brooks.

Tottenham didn't even quote a price when Luton inquired for centre-forward Alf Stokes and Nottingham Forest refused near-£20,000 bids from Preston and Villa for Scottish centre-half Bobby McKinlay.

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When Cyril Spiers became Crystal Palace manager 16 months ago he decided against big money transfers, and made a rebuild-on-youth resolution to fight that £70,000 Palace overdraft.

Since then he has signed 19 players—eight are in the first team now—costing only £800.

A successful experiment? Well, Villa, Preston, Burnley and Bristol City are all checking on the Spiers "new deal" boys.

Twelve months ago England and Portsmouth inside man Len Phillips looked forward to a new international career at wing half.

He was injured in England's pre-match training for the Scotland game and had a cartilage operation.

He has played in only one game since, the Grimsby cup-tie, when he broke down. Complications arising out of the injury now threaten his career and he is to see a specialist to decide whether his leg will stand the strain of League football.

Portsmouth are covered for £15,000 under an FA insurance agreement, but they are much more anxious to get Phillips fit than to collect.

"No-one could have worked harder than Len," chairman Guy Sprigins told me. "He has run himself into the ground to try to get fit."

Portsmouth have already told Phillips that he will be retained on their staff next season.

SPINAL INJURY

Spinal injury in the 1954 Cup-tie with Sunderland put goalkeeper Norman Health out of West Bromwich Albion's victorious Wembley team and ended his career.

Albion haven't forgotten. Next month they play a benefit game for Health, now a costing clerk with a local firm.

Albion will meet a team of internationals at the Hawthorns, and look for a 40,000 gate.

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Villa are ready to sell Tommy Southren, their displaced right winger, but they don't intend to drop anything on the £12,500 they paid to West Ham.—London Express Service.

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SIX GOAL DEBUT

There were six newcomers in the Lancashire Amateur League side which played Midlands Alliance at Derby, but they won 6-0 and one of the debutants, Alan Beaumont, of Preston Grammar School Old Boys, scored the lot!

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

(1) Footballing prowess

(2) Sportsmanship on the field of play

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

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To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

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of the.....Club.

(Signed).....

Harry Hopman Not Available For Wimbledon

Melbourne, Mar. 19.

Davis Cup selector Cliff Sproule will manage the Australian Lawn Tennis team to play at Wimbledon and other overseas tournament this year.

He replaces Harry Hopman, team manager for many years, who is not available.

The Australian Lawn Tennis Association, which appointed Sproule tonight, decided that the team would leave Australia about May 2, provided negotiations are completed with the French Association. If the team does not play in France, it will probably leave about May 25.

The Association decided that four "globe-trotting" Australian players—Jack Arkinstall, Bob Howe, Allan Marshall and Bob Francis—could not receive any expenses this year after July 7. It stated that if the players ignored this instruction their amateur status could be suspended.

Arkinstall has not been back to Australia for three years.

Each of the other three has been away for nearly two years.

The Australian share of profits from last year's Davis Cup matches in the United States was £A22,000 (£17,600 sterling), the Association announced.—China Mail Special.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 10th March, 1956 to the 23rd March, 1956, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. SOMMERFELT,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th Feb., 1956.

NOTICE

HONG KONG CLUB

Notice is hereby given that the 108th Yearly General Meeting of the Members of the Hong Kong Club will be held at the Club House on Tuesday, 27th March, 1956, at 5.30 p.m.

By Order of the Committee,
K. W. KIRBY,
Secretary.

March 19th, 1956.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"PATROCLUS"

Da aged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy at Holt's wharf from 10 a.m. on March 21 and 22, 1956, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hong Kong, March 19, 1956.

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W. GERMANY'S SCHOOL FOR DIPLOMATS

Hard Work Is The Order Of The Day

Bonn, Mar. 19.

A new batch of 20 students, including two women, destined for the diplomatic service of the West German Federal Republic, are soon to enter what is believed here to be a unique Diplomatic School.

All twenty have completed academic courses in either law, economics or history, and speak at least three languages fluently. None is over 30 years of age.

They are the eleventh batch of about 20 students each to be groomed for future diplomatic posts at the school, started in 1950, at Speyer, an ancient town on the Rhine, and moved in April 1955 to Bonn. There it occupies a villa and a small dormitory building on the Koblenzerstrasse, often called "Bonn's Whitehall."

Within Germany

Each student has a single room, sparsely furnished with a bed, a wardrobe, a writing desk and a chair. There are two lecture rooms, a 3,000-volume library, a dining room and a lounge.

For the first six and the last four months of their training the diplomat trainees, officially listed as "temporary civil servants" and called "attaches," live and study at this school.

After the first half year, they are employed for 12 months within Germany, usually at the Foreign Office, then for two months attached to the Economics Ministry or the Foreign Trade section of the Foreign Office, and then sent to diplomatic missions or consular offices in Europe for another year.

The students are carefully picked by a committee of Foreign Office officials on the strength of an examination, which includes personal interviews, a "round-table talk," written theses on various subjects and tests in English and French.

There are hundreds of applicants for admission to this school. The Foreign Office chooses about 40 of the most likely candidates for the entrance examinations, held twice a year in Bonn, and finally selects about 20 of these.

Work, Work, Work

Personality and character as well as knowledge count for success. Dr Helmut Sigrist, former Second Secretary at the Washington Embassy who is head of the school, explained, for example, that a "generally unclean appearance" or a "repulsive deformity" are reasons for rejection, unless the deformity is the result of a war wound.

During the initial six months' course at the school, the students follow a curriculum more demanding than that of any university.

"It is work, work and work again," Dr Sigrist says, "and it leaves the students almost no free time."

In addition to language courses in English and French, stressing the "diplomatic use of the language," there are lectures in law, history, economics, the liberal arts, administration, press and information policy, protocol, and the "art and history of diplomacy."

Various Subjects

The lectures are given by University Professors, sometimes from foreign universities, or officials of the Foreign Office, or other Government offices.

In law alone, there are eleven different series of lectures, including international law, criminal law, civil law, commercial law, maritime conventions and the like.

The whole organisation of the school stresses the principle of "self-rule" and "self-organisation."

Lecturers are welcomed by a spokesman of the students, guests are entertained by them, and students preside over discussions.

Two to three evenings each week, the students invite members of Parliament, personalities of public life or Government officials for "discussions" or "round-table talks" on various subjects.

They also sometimes invite artists, writers or philosophers for lectures on their special subjects, such as "Ethics in Arts," the importance of "Nihilism" in modern thought, and so on.

Leave At Home

As often as possible the students are sent to official or other public functions of the Foreign Office or other Government offices, to balls and to cocktail parties to learn how "to move in society."

But young men arriving at the school in "diplomatic costume"—Homburg and umbrella—are politely advised to leave these at home when going out. "We want our students to dress properly, but not like caricatures of a diplomat," Dr Sigrist says.

During their training, the students receive monthly grants from the Foreign Office: £25 for married men and about £20 for bachelors, as well as special allowances totalling about £10 a month in Germany and higher allowances abroad.

Out of these grants, the students have so far had to pay £2 10s for board and lodging. This is soon to be raised, however, to £5.

Few Fail

At the end of their course, the students take another examination, which includes such tasks as translating English or French diplomatic notes without the aid of dictionaries, reading difficult speeches in a foreign language, receiving a "foreign delegation" at five minutes' notice, or "opening a German art exhibition abroad" also at a few minutes' notice.

Few of the students fail the examination. In the last batch, all passed, and in previous batches never more than about ten per cent failed.—China Mail Special.

Conference In Cairo

Egypt's Premier Nasser, King Saud of Saudi Arabia and Syrian President Choukry el Koustly have been holding a tripartite meeting in the Egyptian capital. They issued a declaration stating they had agreed on a plan to safeguard Arab security and defend the Arab world against the danger of Zionist aggression and foreign domination. They pledged support for Jordan in the event of "foreign pressure or Zionist aggression." King Hussein of Jordan had been invited to the conference but refused. He also issued a statement, saying he wished to stand by Jordan's treaty obligations towards "our ally Britain." Picture shows, from left, Premier Nasser, King Saud, President Koually.—Express Photo.

SLIMMING CRAZE IN S. AFRICA

Johannesburg, Mar. 19.

A slimming craze sweeping South Africa has caused a shortage of bathroom scales.

Manufacturers have been unable to meet the demand from women who want to know how much weight they are losing.

Chemists report that the demand for scales comes mainly from middle-aged women, who seem to have become more "figure-conscious" than in the past.

Sales of slimming tablets are also booming, with younger women as the main customers.—China Mail Special.

Moscow, Mar. 19.

Marshal Chu Teh, Chinese Communist Vice-Chairman, today called on Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, and discussed international topics, the Soviet news agency Tass reported.—Reuter.

Canada Keeps Watch On Floating Russians

Ottawa, Mar. 19.

The Royal Canadian Air Force is keeping watch on the activities of Soviet scientists working on floating ice islands in the Arctic Ocean, according to the Canadian press.

A report said the Air Force did not make special flights to the vicinity of the North Pole to check movements of the drift stations manned by the Soviets, but had looked closely at them when carrying out training missions in the high Arctic.

The Soviets have made no secret of their occupation of the ice islands and are perfectly aware that the islands are kept under surveillance.—China Mail Special.

Ike Returns To White House

Washington, Mar. 19.

President Dwight Eisenhower arrived today from Gettsburg in Pennsylvania after a 150-minute ride over icy roads.

Mr Eisenhower, who had been spending the week-end at his farm near Gettsburg, was accompanied by General Alfred Gruenther, Allied Supreme Commander in Europe.—France-Presse.

Circus Acrobats Must Have Safety Nets

Paris, Mar. 19.

French police have reminded circus proprietors that they are liable to prosecution if they allow their acrobats to perform without safety apparatus.

The warning followed the death of two of Western Europe's leading trapeze artists, one in Rome last September, the other in Paris on January 14, and serious injuries to an acrobat in Amsterdam.

The 20-year-old law ordering circus proprietors to install safety apparatus whenever an acrobat risked injury, has never been rigidly enforced here, but the Prefect of Police in Paris says that he intends to apply it in future.

SOLO DIVE

An amateur photographer last January 14 captured the moment which thousands of circus spectators had feared but never expected to happen: the anguish of a young wife as she bent over her husband's broken body, and the horror of the spectators who had just seen Fritz Henneman fall to his death.

The young wife was 26-year-old Christle Henneman, Fritz's partner in the act billed as "Les Hemadas." The climax to the act was a solo dive by Fritz through a burning hoop about 32 feet above the circus ring. Once through the hoop, he had to catch a cord held steady by Christle.

That night, he missed. There was no safety net. He crashed to the ground. The drums suddenly stopped rolling, and the band launched into a frenzied trot as attendants hurried Fritz's crumpled body behind the scenes.

SAVED BY NET

His death stirred the conscience of French circus fans. They asked the old unanswered question: Why do people watch the man or the woman on the flying trapeze? Because he or she is an artist, or because of the risk involved?

Fritz, a 31-year-old West German who passed out of a Luftwaffe Fighter Pilots' School just before the end of World War II, knew the risks and accepted them, like most other acrobats.

Two weeks earlier, in Amsterdam, Leon Dinat, one of three French acrobats in a dizzy trapeze act, fell into a safety net, bounced twice and suffered spinal injuries.

The net saved his life, but his injuries put an end to his circus career.

One of Dinat's partners in the act, Jo Clavel, saw Fritz Hebbeman fall to his death. With him in the audience were Willy Hadnagy and his son. Willy was the husband of Jacqueline Ruinat, France's "aerial ballerina", who died of injuries sustained in a fall at a circus in Rome last September.

MUZZLING

Circus proprietors and acrobats reacted in various ways. M. Joseph Bouglione, director of the Cirque d'Hiver in Paris, said that he was considering setting up a special safety committee through which circus managers could decide on suitable precautions against accidents in new and dangerous acts.

But "The Great Lothar", one of France's leading trapeze performers, said that he spoke for many acrobats when he compared the use of safety nets to muzzling the animals in a lion-taming act.

His view was that the circuses might just as well close down if they were to do away with danger. Risk was the acrobat's capital.

Less danger meant less money for the performer and smaller box office returns for the circus owner.

He did not favour the safety harness used in Russian circuses. "For years on end we work to perfect a number," he said. "We do not expect to show it to the public wearing harness, like a beginner."

Anyone could be an acrobat if he wore harness.

Commenting on the death of Fritz Henneman, the evening newspaper Le Monde said that safety nets were in any case not always safe.

The acrobat often soars through the air above the audience, and for practical reasons the net could not be installed to cover the whole area of the circus tent.

LOGICAL RESULT

Some circus proprietors use a kind of canvas sheet, which attendants hold beneath the trapeze artist, but this, "Le Monde" declared, is far from being a foolproof method.

This newspaper said that the logical result of banishing risk from the circus would be to do away with circuses altogether. Bare-back riding, tumbling, tight-rope walking and many other dangerous features of the circus would have to go.—China Mail Special.

FROGMAN FIGHTS SHARK

Perth, Mar. 19.

A fight with a shark ended in 21-year-old Australian policeman Theo Brown being hauled unconscious out of the water during his second attempt on the world underwater endurance record this weekend.

Brown submerged off South Fremantle hoping to beat the 25 hours seven seconds record set by a Canadian, Guy Dadlelz, but a shark bit a hole in his frogman's suit and he collapsed.

DROPPED GUN

The shark had made repeated attacks on Brown, finally knocking him off his underwater seat, a 44-gallon weighted oil drum.

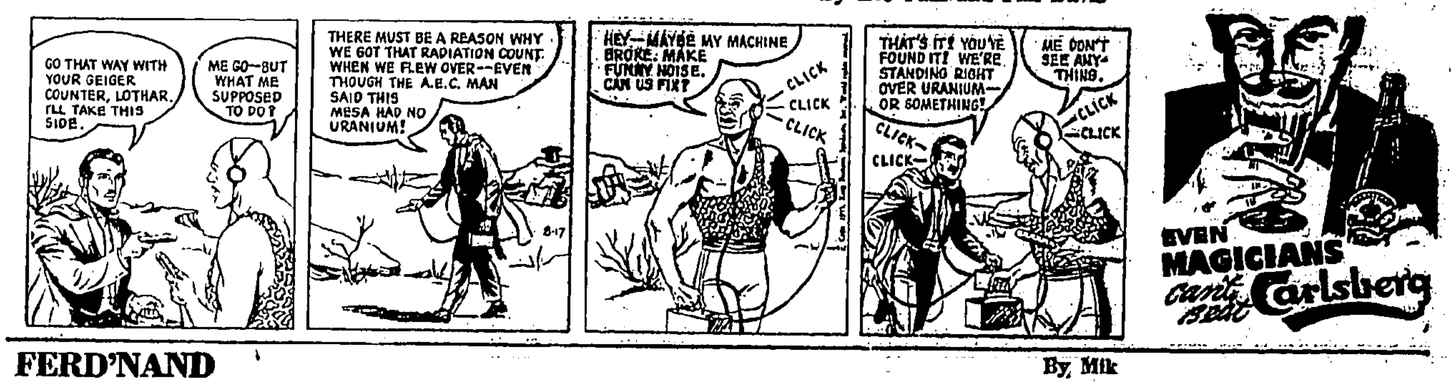
Brown fired at the shark with a compressed air spear-gun, but dropped the gun during the fight.

Divers today found the damaged spear-gun farther out to sea with its spear badly bent and the barbs broken off.

Brown's first attempt at the record (18 hrs) this month was abandoned because of a cyclone.—China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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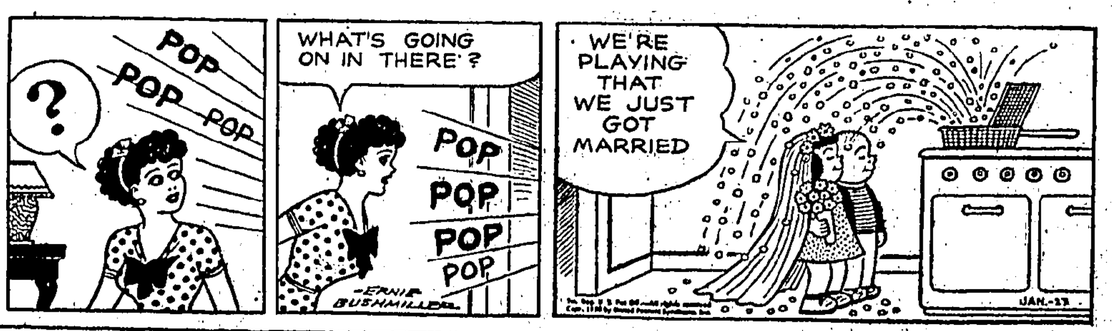

JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins

...this situation calls for a San Miguel

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Mar. 19.

The No. 1 Rss rubber futures closed today five to 20 points lower with sales of 29 contracts.

The Standard contract closed unchanged with no sales reported.

Trading in both the spot and futures markets was brought to a standstill by New York's worst storm in years.

Spot No. 1 Rss were quoted at 34 cents a pound. Futures:

No. 1 Rss	
March	34.04
May	34.00
July	33.20
September	32.45
December	31.80
Standard Contract	
March	33.80
May	33.00
July	32.00
September	31.00
December	30.15
March	30.15

SINGAPORE

After opening slightly lower the rubber market remained on [illegible] throughout the day.

No. 1 rubber per lb April	97⅝-97⅞
May	96¾-96
June	unquoted
No. 2 rubber per lb April	95¾-96¼
No. 3 " "	94-95
No. 4 " "	93-94
Spot rubber unbaled	97-98
Blanket crepe	92½-94½
No. 1 pale crepe	113-114

LONDON

The market was steady with spot quoted at 28½ pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Rss spot	28-28½
Settlement house term	
April	28-28½
May/June	28½-28¾
July/Sept	28-1/3-28¾
Oct./Nov.	28⅞-29¼
Jan./Mar.	29⅛-29½
General markets, cif basis, ports	
April	28¼-28⅝
May	28½-28¾

Estate crepe unquoted.—United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately $250,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank		1635	
East Asia	220		
INSURANCES			
Union		900	
Lombard	50½		
Underwriters		9.40	
SHIPPING			
Waterboat			
X All	17½		
DOCKS, ETC			
K Wharf	71½	73	200 @ 71½
Provident (Old)		14.20	
Wheelock	8.30	8.40	7500 @ 8.40
LAND, ETC			
HK Hotel XD		14½	
HK Land XD	58½	59	300 @ 59
Humphrey's XD		6.10	
Realty		1.00	
RUBBER			
A Rubber	1.60	1.70	2000 @ 1.67½
			10,400 @ 1.65
UTILITIES			
Ferry XD			500 @ 22.60
Y'mati Ferry	103	105	400 @ 104
C Light (O)	20.40	20.70	600 @ 20.60
C Light (N)		18.30	
Electric		29½	200 @ 29.70
			700 @ 29.30
			145 @ 29.30
Rts			
Macao Electric (Old)		9.70	
(New)		8.30	
Telephone X All		22.80	100 @ 22½
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	33½	34¼	
Metal Indust			3000 @ 1.60
Dairy	17.20	17.60	766 @ 17.50
			500 @ 17.40
			250 @ 17.50
Watson XD	10.50	10.00	600 @ 10½
L. Crawford		34½	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Allied	5.10	5.30	

Chancellor Grateful For Respite

Last Minute Check On Financial Situation

From Our Economic Correspondent

London, Mar. 19.

Mr Macmillan will need every day of the week or two that the Budget has been put back from its usual date. They may be crucial in helping him decide whether he ought to introduce further measures to combat inflation or rely upon his February cuts to bring Britain's housekeeping accounts back into balance.

His decision will depend as much on what happens during the remaining month before the Budget as upon what has happened during the past few weeks. For that reason there has been an unusual absence of speculation about what the Budget will contain.

Amateur budget makers are in the same difficult position as the Chancellor himself. Normally they would try to estimate the likely trend of the various factors in supply and demand for national resources and calculate from that how large a surplus (or deficit) should be budgeted for to bring the two into balance.

Common Ground

This entertaining and harmless exercise—which might be called "guessing the inflationary gap"—is more difficult than ever this year. If it is any consolation the amateur can rest assured that the Chancellor is not finding it any easier. Even such a sophisticated observer as the The Economist has to admit that Mr Macmillan "must rely much less on . . . delicate instrument dials and much more on the seat of his pants."

This does not mean, however, that there is no common ground between experts who have so far ventured a prediction. It is certain that the present financial year will close with a much larger surplus of revenue over Government expenditure than that Mr Butler budgeted for last April. A figure in the region of £300 million has been widely canvassed.

If production goes on rising next year (as it should) and if the Government succeeded in keeping their expenditure under strict control there is a fair chance that the Budget surplus will be larger still in 1956-57 on the present basis of taxation.

Predictions Founder

If all was well with the British economy—and if budget making were merely a matter of providing sufficient revenue to cover Government's current expenditure—the only question, therefore, would be: what taxes will be reduced?

Unfortunately, however, that is a question that does not arise in the present circumstances. Modern budget making is a complicated affair. Its purpose is to adjust overall demand to overall supply so as to keep the economy on an even keel. In the present context this means trying to prevent inflation and the aim is to do this by budgeting for a surplus large enough to fill the estimated "flationary gap" or excess of demand over supply.

This is the rock on which most amateur predictions founder. The correct interpretation of statistics may postpone the moment of danger but sooner or later they are driven into uncharted water and from there on everything is a matter of guesswork.

Slower Rate

This year statistics are even less useful than they normally are and guesswork—or to use a more charitable term, intelligent anticipation — plays a proportionally greater part.

The difficulty is that in the current financial year we have had not one but in effect three budgets, the last two of which are still "operational" in the sense that they are having an effect on the economy. We are only now beginning to see the effects of Mr. Butler's autumn budget and it will be some months before the final effect of Mr Macmillan's February programme can be judged.

This has encouraged the hope that the Chancellor may consider that no further disinflationary action is necessary next month. Wishful thinking maybe; but it is based on several important developments which suggest that the inflationary situation may be responding to treatment.

Intensified

The gold reserves were falling at a slower rate in the last quarter of the year; since then they have risen two months in succession. There is reason for hoping, too, that the tide may be on the turn in Britain's overseas trade fortunes; imports in February fell much more sharply than exports and the trade gap was the lowest for nine months.

At home the credit squeeze started by Mr Butler and intensified by Mr Macmillan has brought about a significant fall in bank advances. There are signs that this is having an effect on the rate of new industrial investment and a further marked reduction may be expected when industry's plans are affected by the suspension of development allowances. Finally, the much publicised recession in durable consumer goods industries is evidence that the consumers, too, are revising their spending plans.

Nevertheless it is too soon to say whether the British economy has entered a long overdue disinflationary phase or whether it has merely paused for breath before setting out to scale even higher inflationary peaks.

Difficult

All this makes it extremely difficult to predict even a broad outline of Mr Macmillan's first budget. Indeed, it is highly probable that even he could not say yet what it will contain. His final decision may not be made until he sees whether the recent encouraging trend in gold and overseas trade figures has been continued in March.

If it has he will most likely decide that no further disinflationary measures are needed. If not there may be more shocks in store for British taxpayers and consumers.

New Cotton Crop Months Active

New York, Mar. 19.

Cotton prices moved higher today in moderately active dealings with new crop months, especially July, in the spotlight.

The market was mixed at the opening which was delayed ½ hour by New York's worst snow storm in years.

At the close the list ruled 33 points higher to six point lower.

New crop months shot upward after the opening with gains reaching more than $1 a bale by noon. Gains were extended even further later with far-off July, the lowest-paced month on the Board, getting the most attention.

Trading slackened a bit late in the day as traders took time out to view pending farm legislation.

Volume and open interest were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
May	21,000	303,400
July	43,300	302,000
Oct.	12,200	304,400
Dec.	16,100	103,000
May	15,500	95,300
July	8,300	63,400
Total	128,400	1,012,300 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	36.75n
May	35.52
July	32.94
October	31.50
December	31.82
March	31.98
May	31.85
July	31.56

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	35.65
May	35.47-49
July	32.92-93
October	31.75
December	31.78-80
March	31.91
May	31.53
July	31.55

LIVERPOOL

Future closings, in pence per lb. were as follows:

Old contract	
Mar./Apr.	25.59
May/June	24.90
July/Aug.	23.99
New contract	
May/June	31.05
July/Aug.	27.60
Oct./Nov.	25.60
Dec./Jan.	25.35

SAO PAULO

The future closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

March	28.50
May	29.00
July	30.05
Oct.	34.65

In the US the average price of 15/16 middling cotton at 14 designated spot markets was unavailable.—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Mar. 19.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to one point higher with sales of 35 contracts.

Trading in both world and domestic futures was slower because of New York's worst storm in years which kept many traders away from the exchange.

Futures:

Contract No. 4 (world)

May	3.26
July	3.30
Sept.	3.25
Oct.	3.31
Mar.	3.31
May	3.31
July	3.31
Spot (cents per lb. fob Cuba)	3.33

Contract No. 6

May	5.45
July	5.51
Sept.	5.57
Nov.	5.59
Spot (cents per lb. cif NY ex-duty)	5.40

—United Press.

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

New York, Mar. 19.

Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Lead	March	15.75b
	April	15.74b
Tin	March	99.00b
	April	99.00b
Zinc	March	12.42b
	April	12.44
Copper	March	52.75b
	April	52.45b

—United Press.

LONDON METAL PRICES

London, Mar. 19.

Prices of metal closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

	Sellers	Buyers
Tin spot	800	808
3-month	791	792
Copper spot	432	434
3-month	439	440
Lead 2nd half Mar.	122	123
June	120	121
Zinc 2nd half Mar.	100	101½
June	100	100½

—United Press.

Moody's Index Delayed

New York, Mar. 19.

Moody's spot commodity price index — normally compiled after 2030 gmt—was a casualty of the severest snowstorm in years.

Earlier today the company announced briefly that the index would not be available at that time.

Company officials were not available for a more complete explanation later, but it was assumed that many employees failed to turn up for work today or else were sent home earlier than usual—long before the formal closing of trading today.

In addition, commodity trading was in some instances curtailed considerably because of the storm, and possibly some of the price information normally used in compiling the index was likewise unavailable.—United Press.

Chicago Grain Futures Hold Firm

Chicago, Mar. 19.

Prices in grain futures were firm on the Board of Trade today.

Dust storms over parts of Kansas, and a prediction of very little moisture for the southwest wheat belt was reflected in the buying of wheat today.

Wheat closed unchanged to up 2¼ cents; soybeans up ¼ to 1⅛ cents.

Prices for grain futures closed today in cents per bushel as follows:

Wheat, No. 2, red	
Spot	228-229n
Mar. 226⅛ (H) 223½ (L)	225⅛
May	221-220⅞
July	199¼
Sept.	201⅞
Nov.	204⅛
Corn, No. 2, yellow	
Spot	133½-136¼
Mar.	134¼-⅜
May	137⅝-½
July	141⅛-½
Sept.	141⅛-⅝
Nov.	135¼
Rye	
Mar.	128⅝
May	128¾
Oats	
Mar.	61⅞
May	63⅝
Soybeans, No. 2, yellow	
Spot	259½
Mar.	258¼
May	261½-¼
July	263¾-264
Sept.	244¼
Nov.	237¾-½
Barley,	
Spot	130-140n
New York flour	
200 lbs. sack	$13.60n

WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Mar. 19.

Prices of grain futures closed today in cents per bushel as follows:

Oats	
May	80⅛
July	78½
Oct.	72½
Rye	
May	124⅝
July	119-119⅛
Oct.	114⅝
Barley	
May	110
July	104⅝
Oct.	101⅛
Flaxseed	
May	418½
July	404¾
Oct.	343

Wheat, No. 3, 165-4/5 cents; No. 5, 132 cents.—United Press.

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Mar. 20.

Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

	Opening
Batu Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd.	$1.55
British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate	41/5d
Consolidated Tin Smelters Ord.	27/3d
Fraser & Neave Ltd. Ord.	$1.75*
Fraser & Neave 7½% cum. pref	$3.30
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	$590†
Hongkong Tin Ltd.	7/3d
Kempas Ltd.	$1.52
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	75c†
Malayan Breweries	$3.50†
New Serandah Rubber Co. Ltd.	$1.75*
Petaling Tin Ltd.	$3.90†
Raffles Hotel	$3.25
Singapore Cold Storage	$1.50
South British Insurance Co. Ltd.	$27.50
Straits Trading	$35.50
Straits Steamship	$12.40
United Engineers Ord.	$8.40†
Wearne Bros.	$2.52

*-cumdiv. †-exdiv. ‡-excd.—China Mail Special.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	[illegible]
Sterling notes (per £1)	[illegible]
Australian notes (per £1)	[illegible]
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	[illegible]
Siam tical (per 100)	[illegible]
Singapore (Straits)	[illegible]

NY INDUSTRIALS PUSH AHEAD TO NEW HIGHS

New York, Mar. 19.

New York's big blizzard—worst in seven years—failed to dampen enthusiasm for stocks today although it did cut down in Wall Street's advance.

Despite a slow start (the financial community straggled in to work an hour more behind time), the market turned in a creditable performance.

Industrial shares pushed up another 2.16 on average to a new all-time high level; rails and utilities improved only slightly on balance. Out of a total 1,162 issues traded, 525 were higher, 412 lower.

Turnover fell off to 2,570,000 shares—smallest since March 8—from 3,120,000 on Friday.

Metal shares in particular were in demand, with gains ranging to 4¼ points in Alcoa.

Steels Good

Steels generally did well with Bethlehem up almost 2 points.

General Motors climbed a point in its group while Chrysler improved fractionally.

International Paper ran up more than 7 points coincident with a price increase announcement for Container Board.

Oils were among the strong performers. Continental moved up more than a point.

Rhodesian Selection Trust, Jersey Standard, New Jersey and Westinghouse were the day's most active stocks.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was $3,900,000.

American Stock Exchange volume was 1,200,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials	609.76
20 rails	168.87
15 utilities	67.14
65 stocks	379.89
40 bonds	96.80
Comm. future price index	190.62

Closing Prices

Allied Mills Inc.	$ 35
Allis Chalmers	74
American Airline	20¼
American Cyanamide Co.	73⅛
American Metal	71
American Smelting	59
American Tel & Tel	165¼
American Tob. "B"	77½
Anaconda Copper	96½
Armco Steel	54½
Armour	10½
Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton	14½
Baltimore & Ohio	47½
Bendix Aviation Corp.	57½
Benguet Cons.	2½
Bethlehem Steel	162½
Boeing Airplane	18½
Borden (The) Co.	63¼
Burroughs Add Machine	38½
Canadian Pacific R.	25½
Case (J.I.) Co.	34½
C.I.T. Financial Corp.	46
Cal. Tracor	68
Celanese Corp.	19½
Chase Manhat. Bank	50½
Chrysler Motors	80½
Colgate-Palmolive Co	60½
Commercial Credit	50½
Commonwealth Elec.	44¾
Consolidated Edison	48⅝
Continental Oil of Del.	110
Crane Co.	40
Crown Zellerbach	60¼
Cuban Amer. Sugar	16
Dow Chemicals	70½
Dupont de Nemours	231¼
Eastman Kodak	80½
El Paso National Gas	50¾
Erie Railroad	22
Family Finance Corp.	24⅛
General Electric	64⅞
General Foods	92⅛
General Motors	49⅝
Gen. Pub. Util.	37½
Glidden Co.	40⅝
Goodrich (B. F.) Co.	84¾
Goodyear Tire	71¼
Homstake Mining Co.	36⅝
Ingersoll-Rand	89¾
Inland Steel Co	66½
Interchemical Corp.	51¼
Int'l Business Machines	447
Int'l Harvester	37⅝
International Nickel	91½
International Paper	134¼
Int'l Tel & Tel	34¼
John-Manville Co.	90
Kansas C. Power & Light	40¾
Kennecott Copper	146¼
Liggett Meyers Tob. Co.	99¼
Lockheed Aircraft	48¼
Loews Incorp.	23½
Lone Star Cement Co.	76¼
Louisville & Nashville R.	97½
Lowenstein & Sons	25¼
Mesabi Iron Corp.	55¼
Minnesota Mining	133½
Mission Development	37½
Monsanto Chemical Co.	51
Montgomery Ward	92¼
Motorola Inc.	50½
National Cash Reg. "A"	43½
National Dairy Prod.	39¾
National Lead	92¼
National Steel Corp.	74⅞
New York Central	43⅛
Otis Elevators	40¼
Pacific Gas & Elec.	52
Pan American Airways	21
Paramount Pictures	33⅝
Parke Davis Co.	40¾
Penny J.C. Co.	97¼
Philip Morris	46¾
Procter & Gamble Co.	103
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	80
Publicker Industries	9½
Pure Oil	45⅝
Radio Corporation	46¾
Republic Steel	48⅞
Reynolds Metal	59½
Shell Oil Co.	70½
Saint Reg. Paper	47⅞
Sinclair Oil	42¾
Socony Mobiloil	72½
South Puerto Rico Sugar	34½
Southern Railway (Com.)	112½
Standard Brands	41¼
Standard Oil of Cal.	80⅛
Standard Oil of Ind.	80
Sterling Drug Co.	36¾
Stokely-Van Camp.	19½
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	31
Swift & Co.	47½
Tide Water Assn. Oil	44¼
Twenty Century Fox Film	25⅝
Union Carbide	119⅞
Union Pacific Railway	183¾
United Aircraft	71⅝
U.S. Line Co.	25
U.S. Rubber	67¼
U.S. Smelting	50⅞
Warner Bros.	20⅝
Westinghouse Electric	63⅝
West Va. Pulp & Paper	42½
Woolworth	50⅛

—United Press.

London Stocks Respond To Good Earnings

London, Mar. 19.

Stocks responded to good earnings and dividend news and pushed with a well-supported advance on the London Exchange today.

Volume expanded moderately, with industrials rating major attention. Electrical, building and newsprint shares featured on the upside. Great Universal Stores spurted two shillings.

British Government stocks tacked on small gains in quiet dealings, then eased a bit on profit-taking.

Coppers Advance

Coppers advanced under local and overseas buying support. Their gains stemmed partly from news that Anaconda Co. will sell its Chilean output at world prices.

Oils were featured by sharp rises in British controlled Oil Fields Co. and Trinidad Petroleum Development. Burmah eased.

Gold shares pushed ahead, helped by expanded Johannesburg buying.

German and Japanese liens firmed and posted gains up to £1, while Greek bonds eased in a moderately active foreign bond market.

Dollars stocks were mixed in quiet dealings.—United Press.

CHILEAN COPPER ESTIMATE

Santiago, Mar. 19.

The Chilean Ministry of Mines estimates that copper production at the big American-owned mines this year will reach 480,000 tons compared with 391,400 tons produced in 1955.

Strikes prevented output reaching the original estimate of 420,000 tons for 1955. Production comprised 120,500 tons of electrolytic, 113,100 tons of fire-refined and 151,800 tons of blister. Monthly output fluctuated between a peak of 35,207 tons in May and 17,436 tons in December.

Unofficial estimates indicate that 1955 production at the Chilean-owned medium mines was around 20,000/25,000 tons, while small mines produced some 10,000 tons of blister and 8,000 tons of concentrates and precipitates.—China Mail Special.

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Sleepers At Euston

THEY might have been a high-spirited couple putting on a tipsy-sister act in some country-house theatricals, over-acting as unrehearsed amateurs will, too far-fetched, perhaps, to be really funny, but.....

In fact, not funny at all, for the two sisters in the dock at the Clerkenwell court were not putting on an act, and their wild disarray was not contrived.

The charge of wilfully trespassing on Euston station was read out to them.

HUSKY DRAWL

"DO you understand what's being said?" asked the magistrate, Mr Frank Powell. "You don't look as if you feel too bright."

"I feel like death," said one of the sisters, Elizabeth. Her voice was a husky drawl.

They pleaded not guilty, and a policewoman told of trying to shift them from the ladies' waiting room at Euston three times between 11.10 p.m. and 1.55 a.m. The third time, they had settled down and were asleep.

'GESTAPO'

SHE awoke them. "We're definitely not moving," Elizabeth said emphatically. "Do what you like about it," said Daisy.

The two were arrested then, both screaming hysterically "Gestapo, Gestapo....."

Elizabeth went to the witness-box, and in a bored, bazaar-opening voice, said: "My dear, a good deal happened between the first time that policewoman spoke to us, and the last. Outside the station, we were set upon by a gang. A hotel-porter advised us to go back to the station and seek police protection.

GANGSTERS

"WELL, we were wondering what to do, when we heard a humming — those horrible gangsters again. So we rushed back to the station to get police protection—and what do we get? Arrested."

"You're down as a married woman," said the magistrate. "May I ask, have you a husband?"

"Divorced," Elizabeth snapped.

"What do you live on?"

"Private income. I've been trying to find a flat, but they all say 'No children...'"

"Two girls at boarding-school, boy in National Service," said Elizabeth. "Oh I do wish I could have had a comb and a bit of lipstick. Give a woman a bit of lipstick and she's a different person."

TRUSTEE SPEAKS

DAISY had nothing to add. The case was found proved. "Anything known?" asked the magistrate. Nothing was, but a policeman said: "A trustee of the children would like to speak."

The trustee came forward, a kindly looking, white-haired retired solicitor. "I know the family very well, I do think there ought to be a medical report...." he said.

The magistrate agreed and the two were led off, remanded in custody. Outside the court-room they began to scream again.

They looked quite different people when they came back after their week in Holloway. The magistrate read the doctors' reports, and conferred in whispers with the trustee. Then he turned to the sisters.

'NO MAKE-UP'

"THE doctors say you're just irresponsible," he said, "and I must say, last time you were here, you were looking...."

"Who wouldn't, after being in a police station all night," Elizabeth chipped in with spirit.

"No make-up," cried Daisy.

"No toothbrush," Elizabeth added.

"Well I'm going to discharge you," said the magistrate.

"Come on," said Elizabeth.

"Let's go," Daisy said.

They went.

Riots Anger Marshall

Singapore, Mar. 19.

Singapore's Chief Minister David Marshall, angered by the riots which followed his giant Merdeka rally at Kallang on Sunday night, today called for an all-out drive to crush Communists here.

He told the English-language Straits Times: "I intend crushing them before they get me".

But he said the riots would not interfere with his campaign for Merdeka — freedom and independence—for this colony.

CALLS FOR REPORT

Mr Marshall called for a full police report on the disorders in which more than 40 police and civilians were hurt and announced he would not hesitate to act against any anti-Malayan element.

"We don't want a Yanko (banned Communist dance) Merdeka," the Chief Minister said. "We don't want a brutal Communist colonialism".

Other members of his government supported his pledge to continue his Merdeka campaign although some ministers admitted the riots might be serious enough to upset Singapore's independence talks in April in London.—Reuter.

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Alleged Driving Offences

Lee Siu-lam, 22, unemployed, of 89 Jaffe Road, first floor, Chan Yiu-cheung, 22, shop-foki, residing at 447 Hennessy Road, ground floor, Lo Kai-lun, 19, student, of 341 Queen's Road West, first floor, and Lam Siu-man, 21, employee of Gilman's Filling Station, 302 Jaffe Road, ground floor, were remanded for two days by Mr J. E. During at Central this morning on various driving charges.

It was alleged that first defendant being the holder of a learner licence, on March 19 at Queen's Road East drove private car HK7763 at a time other than specified in his licence, drove without an 'L' plate, carried two passengers other than the licensed driver instructor, drove without the owner's consent and without third party risks insurance.

Fourth defendant was alleged at the same time and place to have had in his possession a bundle of five car ignition keys, an instrument fit for unlawful purposes, with intent to use it to open cars for an unlawful purpose, and at the same time, together with second and third defendant, to have aided and abetted first defendant in committing offences.

Second defendant, Chan Yiu-cheung, represented by Mr Peter Mo, was allowed bail of $500.

Sabotage In Argentina

Buenos Aires, Mar. 20.

A series of sabotage acts, generally attributed to Communist and Peronist subversive elements, were reported from different parts of Argentina yesterday.

Two goods trains were derailed by saboteurs, one at La Plata and the other on the Buenos Aires-Salta line.

Road and rail traffic was held up at La Plata.

Meanwhile, ground glass was found in candles delivered from a confectionery factory and many raincoats were found slashed in a clothing store.

The police, who made a week-end roundup of Communist elements in the Buenos Aires area, arresting 19 dockers, yesterday arrested several Communist Party leaders in north Argentina.

The Communists were accused of fermenting discord among railwaymen.—France-Presse.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6, Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.03, Stock Market Report; 6.05, Duets for Children by William Walton. Played by Moya Rea and Cissy Hu; 6.30, BBC Bandstand. Band of the Majesty's Grenadier Guards. Conductor: Major F.J. Harris (BBCTS); 7, International Half Hour—Norway (Studio); 7.30, "First Hearing" presented by Alex Borrie (Studio); 7.59, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal and The News (London Relay); 8.05, Commentary (London Relay) or Special Announcements; 8.15, Evening Star.—Nelson Ferraz in Brazilian Songs; 8.30, Leonard Silliman presents "New Voices": 9, Time Signal. "The Music Makers": 9.30, Starlight Serenade; 10, Listeners' Choice presented by Sylvia Hui (Studio); 10.30, A Book at your bedside. "My Cousin Jan" by Antonia Ridge. Read by Audrey Mendes. Episode 2 (Recorded); 10.45, Rhythm and Romance; 10.59, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m., Variety Calls the Tune; 3, Musical Matinee; 3.30, Freddy Martin Show; 4, Tea Time Rendezvous; 4.30, Vocally Yours; 5, Children's Corner—Conducted by Auntie Patricia; 5.30, Progressive Jazz; 6, Band Call; 6.35, Birthday Mailbag; 6.30, Come into the Parlour—Music from Northern Ireland; 7, Personality Parade—Danny Kaye; 7.15, Ray Anthony and his Orchestra; 7.30, Coke Time; 7.45, The Final Year; 8, Time Signal and the News; 8.05, Weather Report, Announcements and Interlude; 8.15, Melachrino Musicale; 8.30, Passing the Buck—Conducted by Prof. Dimple with a Panel including Jerry Lewis, Stephanie Tyler, Anna Britton and Paul Du Toit; 9, Light Opera Time. Selections from "Porgy and Bess" (Gershwin), and "The Chocolate Soldier" (Oscar Straus); 9.30, H.K. Traffic Safety Exhibition Opening; 10, World of Jazz; 10.30, Murder at Midnight—Episode 25—"Murder out of Mind"; 11, Date With Dreamland; 11.30, Prelude to Midnight; 12 midnight, God Save The Queen, Close Down.

Swallows Return

New York, Mar. 19.

The swallows came back to Capistrano, California, today, as they have been doing for 142 years on St Joseph's Day.

This Southern California community was swelled by some 3,000 tourists, most of them with cameras, who turned out to watch the birds return to the Mission San Juan Capistrano, founded by Father Junipero Serra in 1776.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"I think you're wrong about Johnny, Miss Webster—my old fourth grade teacher used to think I was stupid, too!"

LAST NIGHT'S PERFORMANCE OF "THE CREATION"

Haydn composed his oratorio "The Creation" when he was 65 years old, about 12 years before his death in 1809. When it was first performed in Vienna in 1798 it is reported that the whole audience was deeply impressed but no one more so than its composer, who said "one moment I was as cold as ice, the next I was on fire. More than once I was afraid I should have a stroke".

During the performance last night by the Sino-British Orchestra and Hongkong Singers, no one was observed to be on the verge of a stroke, but this is no reflection at all on the performance. We were treated to a beautifully controlled performance of this somewhat naive but charming work.

The choir especially deserves high commendation. Without any forcing or effort they seemed to have at least twice as many singers as the 41 present. This was particularly noticeable in the fine tonal quality they obtained. We were provided in the printed programme with a copy of the words, but these were usually unnecessary even in the choral passages. This speaks very highly of their unison and the training they received at the hands of the choirmaster Dr L. T. Ride.

It cannot be often that a husband and wife have sung the parts of Adam and Eve on the concert platform. The part of Eve and the difficult part of Gabriel were sung by Margaret Sainsbury. This singer has a really delightful soprano voice and gave us some examples of superb pianissimo singing without any loss of tone.

Alan Sainsbury was the bass. Unfortunately the orchestral accompaniment often drowned him, especially in his lower register. I felt that he would have been happier if the part had been written for a baritone.

Peter Scales sang the tenor part of Uriel but again unfortunately, the orchestral accompaniment was frequently overpowering. Both of these men, however, have very pleasing voices.

THE ORCHESTRA

I am told that the orchestra led by S. M. Bard was complete in all sections for about the first time, which was noticeable and helped the performance considerably. Accompaniment to a choral work, especially one of this length is not at all easy and is a great strain on all the players. The Sino-British Orchestra last night showed no signs of strain, in fact at times they were over-exuberant and the soloists had the difficulties already mentioned above. The wood-wind section were particularly good while the brass at times seemed to have difficulties with condensation in their instruments.

I am always agreeably surprised by the high standard of music in the Colony. For this the Colony is deeply indebted to last night's conductor who is also the conductor of the Sino-British Orchestra, Professor Arrigo Foa, who, by his devotion, has brought the music to its present very high level, of which last night was an excellent example.

There is to be a repeat performance of this work on Thursday at 9 p.m. at the Queen Elizabeth School, Kowloon. I can thoroughly recommend this to all those who were unable to attend last night.—R.A. BONES.

Conspiracy Charge

Case Again Adjourned

A further adjournment of one week was granted by Mr D. Cons at Kowloon this morning in the case against two army officers and a Chinese construction manager charged with conspiracy to defraud Her Majesty's War Department.

Defendants, Major Donald Peachey, 47, and Captain Harry Curtis, 46, both of the Royal Engineers, attached to the Royal Engineers Works Services, and Chau Chung-sang, manager of the Shun Hing Construction Co., were alleged on divers dates between November 12, 1953 and July 23, 1954 to have conspired together by various false pretences and indirect means in connection with construction work by the Shun Hing firm to cheat and defraud Her Majesty's War Department.

Chief Inspector W. Apps, prosecuting officer, said he had been instructed to ask for a further seven-day adjournment. He stated that the Attorney-General was considering which Court the case would be sent for trial. He added that the Attorney-General was considering whether preliminary hearings would be held in the Lower Court with a view to trial in the Supreme Court.

Mr A.S.K. Lau, representing Chau Chung-sang, asked for a further reduction of bail for his client. He said the bail defendant had to find came from the working capital of his company and it was very embarrassing for most of the money to be tied up.

Mr Cons then fixed Chau's bail at $25,000 cash and $75,000 surety.

Mr J. C. B. Slack, of Hasting and Co., represented the army officers who are on bail of $250 each.

Thefts From Cars

A spare tyre was stolen from the luggage compartment of a private motor car parked in Sai Yeung Choi Street, in the Mong Kok District, Kowloon, sometime between 8 o'clock on Saturday evening and 10 a.m. yesterday.

A man's overcoat was stolen from a private motor car parked outside the Peninsula Hotel last night.

ALLEGED MANSLAUGHTER

TRAIN DRIVER'S VERSION OF COLLISION

An account of the collision between a Kowloon-Canton Railway train and an Army 35-ton Comet tank which occurred at Bird's Hill level crossing, between Taipo and Fanling, was given in evidence by the driver of the train when the trial of Corporal Richard Moore, 22, for manslaughter continued before Mr Justice James Wicks in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Chan Fook-sang said that about 400 feet from the crossing he saw a tank near the track. He sounded his whistle. When he was about 200 feet from the tank he saw it move across the track. He immediately pulled the speed lever to the stop position and applied both brakes, but it was too late.

The crash occurred three or four seconds after the application of the brakes. Chan said the train was travelling at about 45 mph.

Moore, of the 2nd Troop "C" Squadron, 7th Queen's Own Hussars, is charged with the unlawful killing of the train's guard, Yu Choi-po, at Bird's Hill level crossing, on November 12 last.

The Crown alleged that the killing was caused through the negligence of the accused in his conduct, management and control of the tank.

Mr Desmond Mayne, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Sub-Inspector T.E. Newton, Traffic Officer, New Territories.

Moore is defended by the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, and Mr Richard Winter, both instructed by Messrs Hastings and Company.

POST-MORTEM

Earlier in this morning's proceedings, Dr T. C. Pang, Forensic Pathologist attached to Police Headquarters, said that he performed a post-mortem examination on the deceased on November 14.

Deceased sustained fractures of the skull on both sides, injury to the brain, fractures of three ribs, a fracture of the left collar bone, a crushed right hand and a fracture of the two right forearm bones. There were in addition bruises and abrasions on the forehead and left arm.

In his opinion the injuries were consistent with wounds received in a bad rail crash.

The cause of death, Dr Pang said, was fracture of the skull and injury to the brain. Death would have been very quick, he added.

Dr Nip Yuen-chung, medical officer attached to Kowloon Hospital said that deceased was dead when brought to the Hospital on November 12.

Lieutenant M.A. Gilbert, attached to RAMC, said he was on duty at the 18th Field Ambulance, Taipo, on November 12 when as a result of a call he went to the scene of the tank-train crash at Bird's Hill Crossing.

He entered the second coach and found a body amongst the rubble.

DRIVER'S EVIDENCE

The driver of the train, Chan Fook-sang, then gave evidence.

He said he had been employed by the KCR since 1937. He was an engine driver from 1949 and since September last year he drove diesel locomotives.

On November 12 he was the driver of diesel electric locomotive No. 61 which left Tsimshatsui at 2.17 p.m., drawing 14 coaches. The first coach behind the locomotive was a steel coach called the pick-up. Behind that were seven passenger carriages and six empty goods wagons.

With him in the locomotive was a fireman, Leung Wing-kit.

Witness said he left Taipo Market station at 2.55 p.m., being one minute behind schedule, in the direction of Fanling, which was four miles away.

EIGHT SPEEDS

Chan explained that these diesel engines had eight speeds manipulated by levers. When cruising the lever was in the "idle" position.

After he left Taipo Market station he moved the lever to the eighth position.

As he came along a long stretch of the line that led to Bird's Hill Crossing, he was travelling at 45 mph. This stretch had a slight down gradient towards Fanling. He shifted the lever to the "idle" position when he headed towards the down gradient. The speed was still 45 mph.

Chan said that he was about 400 feet from Bird's Hill Crossing when he saw a tank near the track. His first impression was that it was stationary. At the time he saw the tank, he gave one long blast on the whistle.

When the locomotive was about 200 feet from the tank, Chan said he saw the tank move across the track. He pulled short, quick blasts on the whistle, at the same time pushing the speed lever from the "idle" to the "stop" position and applying both brakes (witness had earlier explained that there were two brakes, one affecting the locomotive alone, the other the locomotive and all the coaches down the line). His fireman, Leung, who was seated at the other side of the locomotive cab came over to help him pull the whistle.

3 OR 4 SECONDS

Mr Mayne: How soon after the application of the brakes do you estimate the collision occurred?

Witness: Three or four seconds.

Can you estimate at what speed your train was travelling immediately before you applied your brakes?—Forty-five miles per hour.

At the time of the collision had there been any appreciable lessening of speed? — Slight lessening of speed.

Witness said that after the crash there was confusion and noise. The locomotive eventually ended up derailed on the left hand side of the track. Chan said that before the accident occurred he saw one or two people near the tank.

Hearing is proceeding.

Attempted To Smuggle Heroin To Prisoner

Mui Sun-tong, 32, was sentenced by Mr F. X. D'Almada to two months' hard labour at Central this morning for conveying heroin to a prisoner in custody.....

For possession of heroin and breach of bond, he was fined $500 or two months.

Insp. Lam Chung-kau said that on March 18, while a police constable was on duty at the Western police station, defendant came up to him with two bags of bread for a prisoner, Chan Tin-sou.

The constable searched the bags and found two packets of heroin in the bottom of one of them. Defendant tried to run away. He was arrested and charged.

Mui had 12 previous convictions. He was bound over on November 2, 1955, in $500 for three years.

Pedestrians Victimised

Cash was stolen from a Chinese woman walking in Queen's Road East, in the Eastern District, at 8.15 p.m. yesterday. A suspect has been detained by the Police.

A pickpocket stole cash from a Chinese woman passenger on a tramcar near the Naval Dockyard, in the Eastern District, at 8.35 p.m. yesterday.

In Kowloon, a European woman walking in Lincoln Road, Kowloon City had her handbag snatched at about 8.15 p.m. yesterday.

A similar snatching offence occurred in Cheung Sha Wan Road, in the Shamshuipo district, at about 8.45 p.m. when an umbrella was stolen from a female pedestrian. A suspect has been detained by the Police in connection with the latter case.

NOTABLE ORCHESTRA COMING HERE

It was officially revealed last night that arrangements have been completed by the Music Society of Hongkong for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra to visit the Colony about the third week in May.

The present arrangements are for the orchestra to give two ordinary concerts, plus one in the morning designed for the schools.

Under its conductor, Alfred Wallenstein, the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra is one of the busiest in the USA and Hongkong's Musical Community are indebted to the recently formed Music Society for having secured their services.

Mail Notices

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TUESDAY, MARCH 20
By Air
Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Korea, 8 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
Laos, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Burma, 3 p.m.
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21
By Air
Japan, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaya, N. Borneo, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, 9 a.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, 11 a.m.
U.S.A., Noon.
Formosa, U.S.A., Canada, Thailand, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa and Europe, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 1 p.m.
Indo-China, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22
By Air
Japan, 8 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Lebanon, Germany, Great Britain, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Seychelles, Br. East Africa, (N. & S. Rhodesia, Parcels via Beira), 11 a.m.
Malaya, Mauritius & S. Africa, 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Indonesia, Noon.
Malaya, Burma, India, 1 p.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Japan, Canada, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24
By Surface
Formosa, 9 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Indo-China, France, 4 p.m.
Indonesia, 4 p.m.
Thailand, 4 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

REDIFFUSION FEATURE

As a special actuality feature, Rediffusion has arranged a half-hour broadcast from the Hongkong Jockey Club today to cover the opening of the Hongkong Traffic Safety Exhibition of 1956. The broadcast has been arranged with Rediffusion through the co-operation of Inspector Goodman and it will include descriptions of the exhibition and interviews with officials and visitors. The broadcast will be relayed over Rediffusion's Blue (English) Network from 9.30-10 tonight.

18 KILLED IN BORDER CLASH

Karachi, Mar. 19.

Pakistan's Prime Minister, Mr Mohammad Ali, told parliament here tonight that 18 Pakistanis had been killed and 18 hurt when Indian troops fired on a Pakistan border outpost during the night.

He said: "Our forces returned the fire in self-defence. Firing continued throughout the night and a concerted attack was repulsed at 10.45 this morning."—Reuter.